

Government decides on firm policy against Ulster strikers at crisis talks

The Government will not give way to the strikers in Ulster and will not give up its responsibilities in the province, a strongly worded statement said last night after a meeting at Chequers between Mr Wilson, his senior colleagues and the three leaders of the Northern Ireland Executive.

Northern Ireland, who was at the Chequers talks, also attended an emergency Cabinet meeting called afterwards. In Ulster the power workers' union said that its men would refuse, because they feared intimidation, to work beside any British soldiers sent into the five power stations affected by the strike.

'No surrender' agreed at Chequers

The Government is resolved not to abdicate its responsibilities in Northern Ireland. That was the message Mr Rees, the Secretary of State for the province, took back to Ulster last night after an emergency Cabinet meeting. Ministers who attended reviewed the means by which the authority of the lawfully constituted Government and the Executive in Northern Ireland would be upheld.

There could be no question, in the Government's view, of Mr Faulkner and his colleagues resigning, ministers emphasized. Equally, Mr Faulkner was anxious about speculation that the Wilson Administration was reaching the end of its patience in its dealings with the province. That Mr Wilson and his ministers said, was not true.

There is to be no surrender, either by Mr Wilson and his colleagues or by Mr Faulkner and his partners in the Executive to those who seek to impose their will by force. Violence and intimidation will not be tolerated from either side. Nor will the Government throw in its hand (with it the voice of the Westminster Parliament) by acceding to demands to withdraw.

Mr Wilson reminded the Chief Executive and his colleagues that the Westminster Parliament had passed laws that were overwhelmingly supported by MPs. There were indeed those who supported other solutions, but they were few in number and extreme in their sentiments. The Opposition, he went on, had pledged publicly its support to any further measures that the Government would take to deal with the Northern Ireland crisis. The Liberal Party was also behind the Government.

Earlier in the day, at a four-hour meeting at Chequers, Mr Wilson, together with Mr Rees, Mr Mason, the Defence Secretary, and Mr Samuel Silkin, the Attorney General, agreed with Mr Faulkner, Mr Gerald Fitz, the Deputy Chief Executive, and Mr Oliver Napier, the Justice Minister, that constitutional and political developments in the United Kingdom could remain the responsibility of the Government and Parliament of the United Kingdom and also, as far as Northern Ireland was concerned, of the Assembly and the Executive.

Far from opening out, the ministers went on, the Government was resolved to take whatever firm measures were necessary to reassert law and order in the province. There could be no turning back now in the face of what amounted to blackmail. Robert Fisk writes from Belfast: The three leaders of the Northern Ireland Executive flew back to Belfast last night with their Administration still intact but with the devastating strike in Ulster still solidly maintained by the right-wing politicians, who are demanding fresh elections in the province.

Mr Heath given a boisterous welcome as he arrives for China visit

Mr Heath arrived here this evening to an unexpectedly boisterous welcome. At Peking airport, more than 2,000 young girls in colourful dresses and skirts danced, waved Union Jacks and shouted "a warm welcome".

Chinese leadership has for his foreign policies, particularly with regard to Europe and the Soviet Union. Among the welcoming party were Mr Chiao Kuan-hua, Deputy Foreign Minister, and Mr Wu Tzu, head of the Peking municipal government.

Dr Soares in London for talks with guerrillas

Dr Soares, the Foreign Minister, arrived in London yesterday for ceasefire talks with the Guinea-Bissau nationalist movement, PAIGC. It is expected that the talks are successful they could provide a precedent for peace talks with guerrilla organizations in the larger and richer territories of Mozambique and Angola.

Dr Soares was accompanied by Lieutenant-Colonel Joao de Almeida Bruno, military adviser to President Spínola and a leading figure in the Armed Forces Movement which removed Dr



The Prince of Wales, smiling but rather grimy, at Maesteg, Glamorgan, yesterday with Mr A. J. Reed, colliery manager, after he had crawled along a coal face where the height was only 3ft 6in.

Strike may cut TV coverage of sport

EBC television broadcasts of major holiday sporting events may be disrupted over the weekend after a decision yesterday by 500 members of the National Association of Theatrical, Television and Kine Employees to continue a strike over regrading proposals.

Israel-Syria accord on disengagement line

Dr Henry Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State, has secured complete accord between Israel and Syria concerning the line of disengagement on the Golan Heights, an exchange of prisoners, and the repatriation of war dead, according to officials in Jerusalem.

Cricket and horse racing may be the first sports to suffer because scene-shifters and driver-riggers are refusing, among other things, to man outside broadcast mits. The BBC is losing live and recorded coverage of outside events.

He is now working on the issues of the strength and composition of the international buffer zone and the depth, the size of the forces, and the quantities of weapons to be permitted in restricted armistice zones on either side of the zone.

Oil fares soar and more rises not ruled out

Oil fares are to rise on June 1 and the increase will be the biggest since 1972. British Rail confirmed yesterday, as predicted in The Times on March 27, rises would be 10 per cent on average for long distance services.

Duke Ellington dies at 75 in New York

New York, May 24.—Duke Ellington, the jazz musician, died in hospital here today. He was 75.

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The slowest innings in cricket history

Brian Hardie, the Essex cricketer, played the slowest innings yesterday in the history of first-class cricket. He took two hours, 22 minutes to score four runs against Hampshire at Chelmsford. The previous record was four in two hours by P. Corral, of Leicestershire, against Cambridge University at Fenner's in 1930.

Disappearance of a man holds 11 people hostage

Some 100 armed police surrounded a bank here today where Chinese men holding four women and a man hostage after an attempt. The gunman repeated calls to surrender and police officers.

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HOME NEWS

Government worried by prospect of Provisional IRA ending its ceasefire of the past week

From Robert Fisk Belfast
The Government is concerned at reports that the Provisional IRA will soon end its ceasefire, which has been in operation for the past four days.

Belfast are reported to be under pressure from paramilitary groups to join the strike. The UDR is carrying out patrols in Northern Ireland during the emergency, but only in company with regular British troops.

and oil only to withdraw partially at the last moment, it shrewd. On several occasions over the past week the Government has had to consider sending troops into the power stations and the bad second thoughts at the eleventh hour.

Williams honou gets mixed reception

By John Gasser Political Staff
The news, published yesterday, that Mrs Maria Williams, the Prime Minister's personal and political secretary, is to receive a life peerage aroused mixed feelings at Westminster.



Mrs Maria Williams, the Prime Minister's personal and political secretary, who has been made a life peer, at her London home yesterday.

Anonymous offer to save ms is withdrawn

By a Staff Reporter
An anonymous offer to buy the manuscript of a play by Thomas Heywood, a contemporary of Shakespeare, has been withdrawn.

In brief

Benn complaint raised again

Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, yesterday answered a complaint of breach of parliamentary privilege against Aims of Industry (Our Political Ability) writes.

Fines over radiation

When Smith's Industries admitted 15 summons under the (Ionising Radiation) (Sources) regulations at Rush Magistrates' Court, Warwickshire, yesterday, it was stated that employees had been exposed to up to eight times the permitted level of radiation.

Homes plan approved

Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment yesterday gave the Central Leicestershire Development Corporation, builders of what is claimed to be Britain's biggest new town, permission for a major residential scheme on land at Waltham, near Preston.

Petrol in paraffin

Esso officials have ordered inquiry into how paraffin, slightly contaminated with petrol, came to be delivered to towns in the Midlands and North of England.

M6 multiple crash

Seventeen vehicles were involved in a multiple collision on the northbound carriageway of the M6 at Wednesbury, Staffordshire, yesterday after three-wheel van was blown by high winds. Nobody injured.

Disengagement call to Prime Minister

A group of 27 members of the Irish Parliament and two Social Democratic and Labour Party members of the Northern Ireland Assembly have signed an open letter to the Prime Minister urging the Government to move towards disengagement in Ulster.

Speaking to supporters in his constituency, he said that troops in Ulster were seen as alien and foreign. Men of junior and mid-rank were hitter about the job that politicians expected them to do, he said.

"For every sort of reason, including the long-term interests of Ireland, the Army should come out. Only the Irish can get together and settle the historic problems of Ireland", he said.

Duke's plea on communities

From Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent, Salford
It was almost impossible to create communities for other people, the Duke of Edinburgh said in Salford yesterday. It was not a question of what for animals; people must develop their own environment. They would make mistakes and would have to live with them.

change, he said. Britain had been transformed rapidly from a craft rural society to an urban mechanistic one with a tightly controlled bureaucratic structure. Only in recent times had the consequences of these developments made themselves apparent.

Overseas exercise for Captain Phillips

Captain Mark Phillips is to go overseas with the cadets he is instructing at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, on a training exercise next month.

Plea to assess disablemen in social terms

By our Social Services Correspondent
Discrimination between different categories of disabled people in the social services could be lessened if they were assessed in social terms, Miss Sally Sainsbury suggests in a book published yesterday.

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to introduce a national disability income system in which different degrees of disability will be taken into account.

Soldier killed mother while cleaning pistol

An army private on leave from Northern Ireland shot and killed his mother while cleaning a gun, an inquest was told at Keynsham, Somerset, yesterday.

Examinations in Belfast schools may be disrupted

From a Staff Reporter Belfast
The strike in Northern Ireland is threatening to disrupt G.C.E. examinations in the next few days. Many Belfast teachers are unable to reach their schools.

The Ulster Workers' Council, the instigators of the strike, asked schools to close on Monday but the education authorities instructed headmasters to keep their classrooms open.

Mother of nine stole £28 of goods from store

Mrs Maureen Hall, aged 35, a mother of nine children and living on £35 a week social security benefit because her husband is out of work, was convicted at North London Magistrates' Court yesterday of stealing 115 items worth £28.91, including three bottles of spirits, dog food, bird seed, baby food and groceries.

RSPCA inquiry ends with threats of legal action

A six-week inquiry into the RSPCA ended in London yesterday with threats of legal action and the failure of attempts to pacify rival factions.

had failed abysmally to make them good. The taking of evidence at the inquiry, held at a London hotel, ended yesterday.

Miner fails in attempt to save son

From Our Correspondent Stoke-on-Trent
A pit deputy yesterday led a rescue team trying to dig one of his sons and four other miners from tons of rubble after a roof fall at Silverdale Colliery, North Staffordshire.

The other miners were rescued, but Mr Stanley Morris found that his son, Robert, aged 25, was dead. Mr Robert Morris, of Cheddar Drive Silverdale, was married with two children.

The Morris family had been working together in the pit after transferring to the district from Durham seven years ago. The National Association of Colliery Overmen, which Mr Morris is a member, said: "The family were very close indeed and the effect of this tragic accident will be badly felt."

School inquiry after suicide of girl pupil aged 15

Teenagers' difficulties in Hampshire schools are to be investigated by a committee set up by the county's education authority.

Hospital gave wrong body to undertaker

An investigation has been ordered at Brierley Hall geriatric hospital, Bradford, where two men died and the wrong body was given to an undertaker.

Weather forecast and recordings

Weather forecast and recordings section including maps and tables for today and tomorrow.

At the resorts

At the resorts section listing various locations and their weather conditions.

Man killed wife and daughter

George Perrin, aged 44, a van driver, strangled his wife and daughter only three weeks after being discharged from a mental hospital, where he had been receiving treatment for depression. He was sentenced to life imprisonment at Northampton Crown Court yesterday.

Petrol supplies threatened by refinery strike

Eight hundred shift workers at the Bore refinery, Grange-over-Eden, in North Yorkshire, threatened to strike last night, threatening supplies of petrol and chemicals.

Lighting damages jet

A jumbo jet airliner was grounded yesterday at Heathrow airport for repairs. Lightning ripped a hole in the radar nose cone as it was coming in to land on Thursday night with 200 passengers from the Far East.

The shocking answer

An advertisement asked volunteers to take part in Yale University research into learning. They were to give increasingly powerful electric shocks to a learner when he gave wrong answers.

Price controls may bring move to unblended butter

But blenders must give the Price Commission a month's notice before raising prices. They say the market is changing so fast that the month's delay is intolerable.

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HOME NEWS

Government to set up independent review into pay of teachers

By Tim Devlin Education Correspondent
The Government is to set up an independent review into teachers' pay and the structure of the teaching profession in Britain. The review body is expected to report back within six months and will almost certainly recommend large increases for the country's 500,000 teachers.



London's first woman bus driver, Mrs Rosemarie Viner, aged 22, at the wheel yesterday. She starts duty next week on double-decker buses on route 65. She passed her test on Thursday. Seventeen other London conductresses want to become drivers.

Manx Government intends to build new leisure centre, tourist board chief says

From John Charters Douglas, Isle of Man
The Manx Government intends to build another leisure centre after the settlement of outstanding insurance claims arising from the Summerland disaster, Mr Clifford Irving, chairman of the island's tourist board, said yesterday.

Railwaymen and dockers support the nurses

By John Roper Medical Reporter
The terms of reference of the independent inquiry on nurses' pay are likely to include an examination of the pay structure and levels of remuneration under conditions of service, with particular reference to the current pay claim.

Nat. Front eat Tories: Labour hold Lewham S

Our Political Editor
In an extremely low poll our comfortably held seat of Lewham, South, Thursday's by-election, the Tories and the last of the present Parliament.

Manuscripts (and velvet suits) at Penshurst exhibition to commemorate a great little sacred monster of history

By Philip Howard
Little Lord Fauntleroy, who in the century of his existence has become a by-word and one of the greatest little sacred monsters of fiction, will have a commemorative exhibition about him opened today.

Kirk inviting Catholic observer to assembly

From Our Correspondent Edinburgh
The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland yesterday decided to invite the Roman Catholic observer to speak at next year's assembly.

£100 reward for motorist who chased raiders

Mr Peter Boswell, a private motorist, who chased a gang of bank thieves who were shooting at him, was given a £100 reward by Mr Justice Stocker at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Police officer's inquiry on bungalow sales

From Our Correspondent Durham
Det Supt Terence Light, of the West Midlands police, stationed in Birmingham, has begun inquiries into the cut-price sale of two bungalows, to Durham police officers.

Borstal for girl who left baby

Tina Margaret Prowse, aged 19, an unmarried mother, was said to have abandoned her baby in an old chalk pit with the temperature near freezing last Christmas, was sentenced at Ipswich Crown Court yesterday to Borstal training.

Oil system changes to be implemented

Working party's idea that a form should be filled out on every defendant in danger of being remanded in custody, giving details of his community ties, his employment record, home background and accommodation, to ensure that the court had sufficient information on which to make a decision.

Rent limits for furnished homes

Full Rent Act protection for furnished tenants of non-resident landlords is proposed by the Department of the Environment in the Rent Bill, published in the House of Lords yesterday (our Political Staff writes).

WEST EUROPE

New French interest in ensuring the Opposition's rights

From Charles Hargrove Paris, May 24
It looks as though many Frenchmen discovered the rights of the Opposition on May 19, when it came within an ace of winning the Presidential election.

Genoa move to stop release of leftists

Genoa, May 24.—The Genoa Chief Public Prosecutor tried today to prevent the release of eight convicted left-wingers in exchange for the liberation last night of a kidnapped prosecutor, Dr Mario Sossi.

Bishop welcomes Dr Ramsey on E German visit

Dr Michael Ramsey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, arrived in Bonn today for a one-week visit to East Germany.

Scottish nurse charged with Paris kidnapping

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, May 24
Miss Jean Helen Weir, aged 29, was one of seven people charged to Paris this morning with kidnapping Señor Baltazar Suarez, a Spanish banker, on May 3.

W Germany looks back on 25 years

President Heinemann of West Germany led a brief but solemn state act of commemoration in the Bundestag today to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the German Republic and its constitution.

British Nato initiative on US-Europe links falls flat

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, May 24
A new British initiative to improve Europe's relations with the United States was given a marked cool reception by Britain's EEC partners at a Nato Council meeting today.

400 tourists escape as boiler bursts

From Our Correspondent Madrid, May 24
More than 400 tourists, most of them British, were temporarily evacuated from a holiday hotel near Marragona on the east coast of Spain after an explosion last night.

Two top film awards go to the US

Cannes, May 24.—The American film The Conversation, a study about a wiretapper, directed by Francis Ford Coppola, today won the Grand Prix award at the Cannes International Film Festival.

Bishop of Limerick

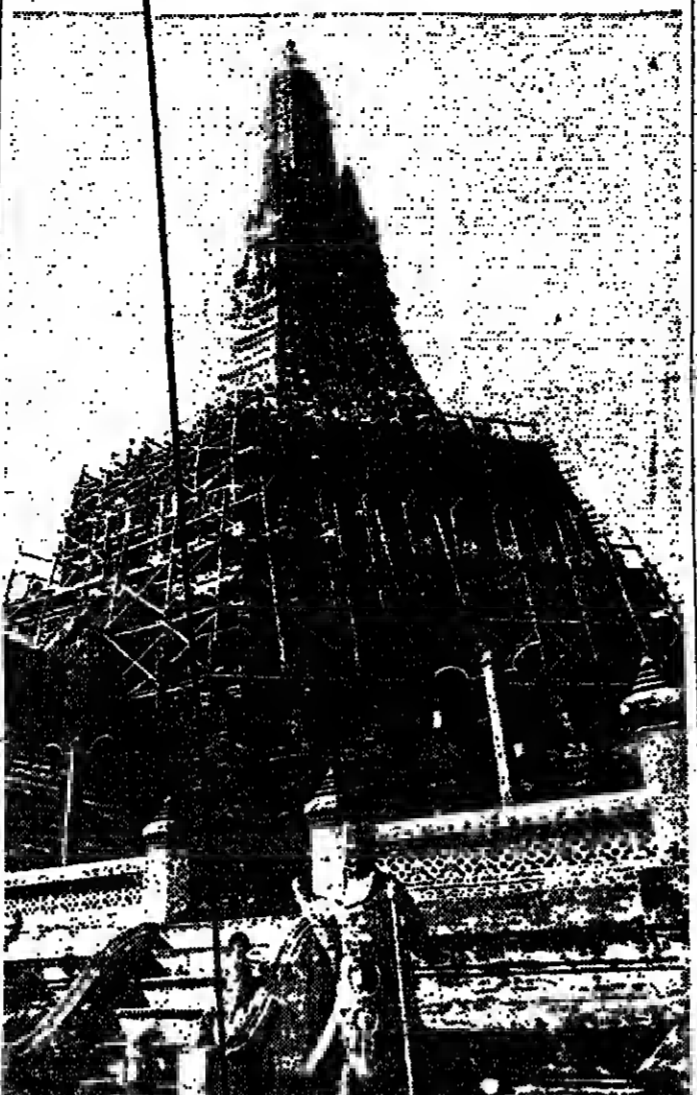
Vatican City, May 24.—Pope Paul today appointed Mgr Jeremiah Newman Bishop of Limerick, in the Republic of Ireland.

OVERSEAS

President Sadat says his 'ally' Col Gaddafi ran campaign to sabotage Egypt during war

From Our Correspondent Cairo, May 24 President Sadat has accused Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader of mounting a defamation campaign against Egypt "which reached the extent of sabotage"...

President Sadat said that Colonel Gaddafi stopped oil supplies and other assistance immediately after the ceasefire and before the carrying out of last January's troop disengagement agreement with Israel.



New view of a tourist attraction: Bangkok's Temple of Dawn scaffolded for restoration work.

Islands may be snag in Soares talks

Continued from page 1 have 30,000 troops in the territory, control Bissau and the other coastal towns.

Mr Rabin forms coalition in Israel

From Our Correspondent Tel Aviv, May 24 Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister-designate, formed a coalition today that he had put together a coalition but could not yet announce his new Government.

Verde islands during the London talks although he was prepared to discuss it if PAIGC wanted. If the London talks prove successful they will ease the way towards finding a peaceful settlement in Mozambique.

Threat of copper sanction over Chile arms ban

From Florencia Varas Santiago, May 24 Admiral Huerta, the Foreign Minister of the Chilean Junta, today said that Great Britain is "not to be trusted" as an exporting nation, and that Chile will have to reconsider where to make its purchases.

American pledge on small nuclear weapons

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, May 24 Officials here are going out of their way today to emphasize the importance to be attached to a new Government assurance that the Pentagon is not developing a miniature class of nuclear weapons that could blur distinctions between conventional and nuclear warfare.

Lusaka conference shows a new freedom from missionary leading strings of the past

From Adrian Hastings Lusaka The third assembly of the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) meeting in Lusaka has shown today's African Christianity has a relaxed and confident vigour, and is now fairly free of the missionary leading strings of the still recent past.

Homosexual equality Bill fails in New York

From Our Own Correspondent New York, May 24 A Bill that would have proclaimed equal rights for homosexuals in New York has been defeated in the City Council at the end of a heated campaign.

Relaxed vigour of African Christianity

ecclesiastical cooperation. The Nigerian and Sudanese civil wars were a full-scale assault on the churches very considerably.

Murder rate drops in crime city

From Our Own Correspondent New York, May 24 New York seen for so long as a centre of crime, claims that its murder rate is down.

Appeal to Miss Hearst by her sisters

From Our Own Correspondent New York, May 24 New appeals were made in California today to Miss Patricia Hearst, the newspaper heiress, to give herself up.

Mr Panov stripped of title by Supreme Soviet

Moscow, May 24-Soviet officials today informed Volter Panov, the ballet dancer, that he has been formally stripped of his title of Honoured Artist.

New York printers accept automation

From Peter Strafford New York, May 24 The long dispute between the main New York papers and the printers' union appeared to have ended today.

Marines to leave American mission in Peking

From Our Own Correspondent Peking, May 24 The five Marine security guards at the United States Liaison Office in Peking were being withdrawn at the request of the Chinese Government.

Right-wing party's support grows in Rhodesia

From Our Correspondent Salisbury, May 24 Growing support for the extreme right-wing Rhodesian Front party was reflected in Salisbury this week when a crowd of more than 200 turned out to hear the party leader.

Schools in Ecuador closed after rioting

Guayaquil, Ecuador, May 24—All secondary schools were closed yesterday until Monday after a second night of student rioting.

Minister's plea on Kenya sport boycott

Nairobi, May 24—Britain hopes that Kenya can be persuaded to change its mind about the total sports boycott imposed because of the British Lions rugby tour of South Africa.

Mr Nixon in fresh crisis over 'Plumbers'

From Fred Emery Washington, May 24 The "Plumbers" crisis case ran into more complications here today, with President Nixon facing a new risk of being cited for obstructing justice.

Pathan to rule unsettled Pakistan state

From Our Correspondent Rawalpindi, May 24 Mr Bhutto, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, has chosen retired Major-General Saib Ghawas, a former Governor of the North-West Frontier Province, to be sworn in today at Peshawar.

Floods engulf another town

From Our Correspondent Melbourne, May 24 The latest town engulfed by flood water in Northern Victoria is Nathalia, 20 miles from Shepparton.

Annul election call by opposi

Santa Domingo, May 24 Dominican Republic opposition groups today called for the annulment of the May 16 presidential elections.

Rostropovich leaves for London tomorrow

Moscow, May 24—Rostropovich, the world-famous cellist, said today he would leave the Soviet Union on Monday for a two-year stay in London.

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PARLIAMENT: May 24, 1974

Important studies into life in tower blocks

House of Commons
SIR GEORGE YOUNG (Ealing, Acton, C), initiating an adjournment debate on the problems of families living in tower block estates, said the tower block was the Socialist Centre Point: a monument to the short-sighted paternalism of the 1950s...

No cheating on charges for off-peak electricity

MR WYN ROBERTS (Conway, C), initiating a debate on the increase of 70 per cent in off-peak electricity charges, said advertisements promoting night storage heaters had been as their theme 'Half price electricity'...

Law Report May 24 1974

No power to order out divorced husband

vent v Brent
The court has no jurisdiction to order a divorced husband from an unlet flat of which he is the tenant so that his former wife and own children can remain in occupation...

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watch Shorry and Trevor bearing George from his bedroom. Several considerations obtained. First was the hope that Shorry might be drunk enough to drop George or even bring the three of them plucking into the hall. That would go some way to compensate Bernard for his failure just now to block the operation under way; it was no comfort to protest to himself that he had never had a fair chance, that George's two helpers had reached their joint decision in a flash and gone to execute it with the speed of a promoter-hungry fireman. Secondly, to watch so closely and obviously would embarrass George and might also, thirdly, be mistaken by Adela for sympathetic concern. But what of that? What if she were to see her brother's interest as it was? Habit must be at work, the habit of wanting to be mistaken for a man of ordinary decent feeling.

Anyway, the length, even the bare fact of George's cord not fail to annoy Marigold, and their style might well disconcert the two young people, if anything ever could.

When the party had half a dozen still to go, Pusscat, Marigold's special tortoiseshell arrived on the scene, recognized Bernard and, as always on doing so, hurriedly left the scene again by the nearest exit. This happened to be up the staircase. Pusscat passed between Trevor and the wall without trouble and disappeared from view, only to reappear almost at once pursued by Mr. Smurry, George's elderly bull-terrier. Cat and dog reached the descending trio within the same second. There were lurches, stumbles, cries, but George, held fast by Trevor, stayed relatively upright and it was Shorry who did not fall or, indeed, however, his head missing by almost a yard the large basket that, full of wet logs, stood near the sitting-room doorway.

Bernard held out a hand to Shorry, who got up unaided. The animals were nowhere to be seen.

"That damned dog," said Bernard with real feeling.

"Not his fault," said Shorry. "No harm done."

"Sorry, everybody," said George, a slight figure in a plaid dressing-gown and pyjamas. "It's a bit of his nature to chase a, you know, tabby one when he sees one."

"Now let's think," Bernard had had time to do so. "I suggest we take George straight out to the kitchen. Luncheon must be just about ready and we don't want to get him settled in the sitting-room and have to move him all over again in a moment."

Shorry guessed that this proposed arrangement was designed to make George feel he was due for less of a party than he might have started to expect, but said nothing.

"I don't want to be a nuisance to anyone," said George.

It was, in fact, a quarter of an hour later that the five residents and two guests were gathered in the kitchen. Under the low ceiling, the bare table, laid as it was, had an unattractive look. It was bare because Adela and Shorry were always spilling things, which weighed against the use of a linen cloth, and the susceptibilities of Marigold and Bernard, in accord for once, ruled out any sort of plastic one. Shorry, of course, would have selected for a few thick-nesses of newspaper.

Marigold, flanked by her grandson and his wife, sat opposite George, Bernard at the head, Adela served consommé. Shorry offered a choice of beer, stout and cider. By Adela's decree, wine was provided only for Christmas and birthday parties; the rest of the time they could not afford enough of anything worth drinking, enough, that is, to satisfy Shorry and not let the rest of the company have to scramble for a second glass.

"What a happy day," said Marigold. "It's so nice to have some young people in the house. Especially, if I may say so, these young people."

"You may say so," said Bernard, stressing all four words equally.

"It makes one forget one's old and on the scrap-heap."

"Drives it completely out of one's head. As if one had never entertained the thought."

"It's a marvellous treat for me," said George. "Just to be sitting on this, sitting at the table, about as Shorry was doing something to drink with all of you instead of eating off of it, it's just what I need. I say, do you think I could have a one of those doodads you use for... a spade. No, a..."

"He means a spoon, Shorry," said Adela an instant after Shorry had passed one to George.

"Thanks, old boy. Do you know this is the very first time I've ever been in this room? Oh, I'm not complaining; it's obviously very..."

"I can promise you it won't be the last, George," Adela was still suffering from the most acute self-reproach for never having seriously considered the simple procedure gone through today by Trevor and Shorry. It was no excuse to say that routines were easily fallen into, that old age cramped the imagination. She must make a real effort to think of others for a change.

"If it weren't for this bloody leg of mine," said Bernard ruefully, "we could manage it every day."

"I'm sure I could do it if I tried," said Adela.

"Coming down you probably could, Adela," said Shorry. "Going up's a different shara of pooza."

"A different what?"

"Sorry, spoonerizing again. A different pair of shoes. Different. It'd be different taking George upstairs again. Different to bringing him down."

Adela's expression cleared at last. "Harder, you mean. Yes, I can see how it would be." She was not being sarcastic, just making sure that Shorry knew he had been understood, as she herself had always liked to know she had been understood. "We'll have a try at it before Trevor goes. So that if it's too much for me we can still get George back to his room—you and Trevor can."

"Ah, I think I have it," said Bernard, frowning to pretended concentration.

"Have it?"

"We might be able to fix up a length of, uh, stuff you use when you're on sailing to tie up to things," George spoke enthusiastically. "Run it through sort of round things, sod put it so that the chap on the outside helping me up can pull on it while the chap on the inside is pulling on the erm..."

"Yo-oh heave ho," sang Shorry in tactful translation. "Heave, you, baskets, yo-oh..."

Marigold said loudly. "When are you two young ones going to start producing some kiddie-widdles?"

"It's a question of money, really," said Trevor after a moment. "You see, if Tracy goes on with her acting, we'd have to—"

"Oh, money, money—money," cried his grandmother. "I know we live in a materialistic society, but I'd have expected you of all people to be able to rise above that. How many poundies is a baby worth?"

"The pater of tiny feet," said Shorry, pouring himself more stout. "Eel be boeemo bambeemo. Sure-a, you gotta—"

"It isn't just, just money, Goldie," said Tracy. "As Trevor—"

"Children aren't a luxury, they're a necessity," Marigold was off over her head, but he had been waiting for her to be off, that is, out in any expected or unexpected direction, just somewhere. "You may think I'm a sentimental old fool. Oh, no, severely practical. I assure you. Where should I be, without my children and my children's children? Answer me that."

Among others, Trevor would have liked to do so. His answer would have mentioned two or three rather nasty places in one of which he thought the old girl should be now instead of where she was, including parent-hood in this comprehensive as well as roughly uniform company it was. Now he came to flip through it in his mind: couple just now under discussion of a sort, who he knew could end that state any time they fancied, there were present one person altogether uninterested in what had to be done in order to produce children, one who might have some through the motions a few times, one who had very likely tried to heget a child but had failed, and one who could never have had a chance of hearing a child. It was only thoughtless-ness, needless to say, that he himself charitably, not matter a motive that demanded genuine and close interest in other people.

In fact, Marigold had seen quite early that her trade might be hurtful to Bernard if he was listening, and, to the hope that he was and it was prolonged it until Adela and Shorry had served the chicken and Brussels sprouts. (To be fair, the risk of also hurting Adela did not cross Marigold's mind.) Then wanting to talk about an old friend who was not only childless but unmarried, who in due course turned out—rather to Trevor's surprise—to be still mobile, and whom incidentally none of the others present had ever met, she put in a brief transition passage about some people's ability to manage without children, thus absently throwing away what there had been of her argument, and was off again.

"I've never known such energy. That woman is a human dynamo. Of course, she's slowed down a little in the last few years. In my certain knowledge, she hasn't had more than, yes, two, no, three, holidays since she started work."

"I met a girl from New Zealand a little while ago," said Tracy just as an outside-forlorn of chicken was entering Marigold's mouth. "She told me—"

The intervention was fractionally too soon. Marigold snatched the forkful out again and said, "She says she can't see any reason for them in her case. Why should she stop doing what she most enjoys doing just because everybody else goes dashing off to the south of France or Italy for three weeks every year? I must say I see her point."

Tracy did not want to have it thought, even by someone like Shorry, that she considered her having met a girl from New Zealand a little while ago to be in itself a worthwhile offering. She waited until Marigold had started chewing before she said, "This New Zealand girl—"

She was fractionally too late. Marigold did a mighty swallow. "And the holidays she did have weren't really holidays. She'd been going at things too hard and she was ordered to drop everything and have a rest. Her doctee-pockles said they wouldn't be responsible if she did it."

"It can't have been much fun for her family," said Adela into a silence.

"How do you mean?"

"Well... either they must have gone away without her or not have had any holidays either."

"She hasn't got any family. She's always been single."

"Oh, I thought you were talking about people having children."

"I was, but that was hours ago."

"Oh, I thought you still were."

"I distinctly told you she was single."

"I'm sorry, I must have missed that."

"You must," said Bernard jocularly. "Indeed you must. It was necessary so that you could yet again get hold of the wrong end of the stick through the eye of a needle in a haystack."

"I'm sorry," said Adela again. "I didn't do it on purpose; it's just that until almost this moment I've had this rather essential job on my hands, do you see."

Bernard showed mild perplexity. "What was that?"

"I said I was sorry I got mixed up, but I've had a lot to think about."

"I heard every word you said. My tone might have told you that the 'that' I was inquiring about referred out to your remark in its entirety but I'm something mentioned in it. What, in fact, was your 'rather essential job'?"

"Oh, honestly... Shopping and cooking and seeing to all the—"

"I see," said Bernard in woody and yet in ready acceptance.

There was another brief silence. Tracy did not break it. Now in the apparent position of being obsessed with the New Zealand girl, she would not run the risk of seeming clinically insane on the subject. Trevor glanced at her with sympathy, not with affection too; after a session like this, a lot of wives would give their husbands a stupendous ballocking as soon as they were alone, but this wife never did anything of that sort, never would to 50 years or more. People had said the same of Marigold when she was 22? Very few people; surely to God, very few indeed.

"Christmas, darlings," said Marigold. "Christmas. Do please say you really and truly are coming—I couldn't face it without you. Not begin to."

Trevor said sturdily: "Ah, fixed, Goldie. We'll be here in good time for lunch, and not off again till late, the later the better, in a way; I mean it'll be easier driving. Because the roads'll be clearer. Less traffic."

"I'll be so wonderful to have you here. Quite divine."

At the last word, Bernard's shoulders jerked slightly. He knew, knew as certainly as that the sun would rise in the morning, that she had come across it in some terrifying book on the manners and customs of the Twenties, the decade she believed herself to have notably adorned. He did not speak.

George did. "Well, it's the children's time, isn't it? Youngsters, anyway. I know nobody'll be actually blowing up, ab, coloured things you after a while, and I don't suppose there'll be any, you stretch them from one corner of the, er, one corner to the other, but we'll have, you write things down games, and we'll have, uh, prickly green stuff with red, uh, and Christmas, um, thing you eat at the end of the meal, you set it alight, and all the Christmas, people send them and they'll be off the..."

"On the fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me," sang Shorry drowsily. "Five gold rings, four calling birds, three French hens, two—"

Bernard's hand came down fairly hard on the table.

"Before the top of my head comes flying off and starts circling round the room, could we have quiet for, say, 10 seconds?"

The tone of his voice matched the style in which he had put his request, but, to Bernard's genial expressions of familiarity enough and to spare, but this was anger, or hatred, or, for a moment, Trevor felt disquiet; before he remembered that in half an hour or so Tracy and he could be decently and safely nut of the place.

ry few people ever came to upper-hapenny Cottage. The spe and variety of reasons for it were impressive. The nearest railway station was several miles away and the services to it were scanty. The street shops were nearer, but too far to do much in the way of delivering; the mail, at there was of it, was ought to the door, that rubbed and mid-May, cold thoughts blew through the clouds of smoke from the fires; it's damp all the year round, overnight accommodation consisted of an ex-Army camp-bed, nicely curved in both cross-sections, set up in the sitting-room. Largely because of the occupants' poverty, a characteristic meal would feature risotto, an abundance of rice or height with very little sauce. I be preceded by a glass of prus sherry or British vermouth. All this and more, quite from the nature of the occupants themselves.

Meritus Professor George (70) had no kin nearer to his native land, part of it is now Czechoslovakia, a English he spoke was perfect in accent and grammar, not a fact that, owing to a pke that had also paralysed f his body, he could not member the names of common objects; in consequence, his talk was full of arre and often enigmatic circumlocutions separated by pauses for frantic thought. His natural loquacity, however, was altogether unimpaired.

The organizer of the household, Adela Bastable (71), had no kin beyond an elder brother. She had never been kissed on the mouth, a deficiency she put down herself to her extreme physical ugliness. She could claim at most one friend, a woman who lived under the same roof.

This was Marigold Pyke (73), who, though recently widowed, had kin by the dozen, but only a couple of them ever visited her these days. Most of the others talked vaguely of the shortcomings of the railway or the length and awkwardness of the road journey; a few said more precisely that they would not come. Of her many friends, again, a bare half-dozen had made their way to the cottage, end of that half-dozen not all had done so more than once. At the same time, she kept up a wide correspondence, and thought that the chief reason why people turned up so seldom in the flesh was that they did not much care for certain of the other inmates.

In this connexion, she would have pointed pretty straight at Derrick Sharrell (also 73), known as Shorry not because he was short, or towering, but because his domestic status, not on a level with the others' and yet not properly that of a servant, tended to rule out the use of his Christian name. A healthy and cheerful alcoholic, he had no surviving family and had never bothered to make any friends.

He had, nevertheless, 35 years previously, gone to head a certain amount with Bernard Bastable (76), Adela's brother, and once, for a short time, the husband of George's dead

sister, Bernard, like Shorry, had spent his working life in the Army; he had won decorations and risen to the rank of brigadier, but the scandal over his sexual behaviour and subsequent divorce had limited his effective acquaintance, not that he cared overmuch.

These five persons, towards the end of a chilly November day in 1972, looked forward with varying degrees and kinds of interest to the arrival of a young couple who had actually, and in some sense voluntarily, undertaken to come to Tuppenny-hapenny Cottage.

Trevor Fishwick, Marigold's daughter's son, stood on the cracked stone door-step and swung the wrought-iron knocker. Rust or corrosion impeded its movement; it gave a feeble rap that must have been inaudible indoors, even to normal hearing. But no further attempts were needed: muffled footfalls could be heard fast approaching, and a very female voice raised. Before the door was thrown open, Trevor squeezed his wife's hand.

In a moment he was in his grandmother's embrace (heing kissed with little tense growling noises). Released after an interval, Trevor moved on to Adela, gripped her by the upper arms to forestall any attempt at a hug, and kissed her briefly. Tracy Fishwick, coaxed in advance, did the same when it came to her turn. She would have done more if Adela had not smelt so old.

Bernard had hung back. He had glimpsed the new arrivals' car while the door was open and felt wrath stirring. All cars displeased him, and out just for superficial reasons like the noise they made or their tendency to be painted bright colours. They were like horses, as seen by a foot soldier: damned nuisances, much too much fuss made about them, needing constant attention, ridiculous that grown men should be reduced to depending on them. This particular car was outstandingly objectionable. Not only was it large and obviously new; far more galling, it belonged to someone of twenty-five or thirty or whatever it was. The youngster seemed to think he had a perfect right to buy it and stuff it with petrol and oil and drive it about all over the place just as he felt inclined. And did he have to have all that hair growing from his head and face, outwards from his face, a good deal of it forwards from his face? It was extraordinary, and also typical, that he apparently had quite a responsible job in something he chose to call electronics, or perhaps electronics.

"Good of you to come all this way, my boy," said Bernard, dealing out one of the soft lateral handshakes Trevor so much disliked.

"Only from Cambridge, actually. I had this business call to make there."

"Oh yes, of course. Still Bernard limped over and made a kissing movement in the direction of Tracy's cheek.

"Come along, darlings, and have a drinkie-pinkie," cried Marigold. The last phrase was of a kind often on her lips, and not only there; she had once had a checkle-peckle returned from her bank because it had been made out for five poundies. Long ago, she had used such idioms to attract attention to herself; these days they were automatically said (and almost as automatically heard. Nobody even flinched at this one; indeed, when she added, "You must be simply frozen", both Bernard and Trevor, unknown to each other, had no trouble silently mouthing the words in time with her.

In the sitting-room, which was almost warm by now and not very smoky, Trevor took from a plastic carrier-bag the three bottles he had chosen with some care at a cash-and-carry store: a pricey Chablis for his grandmother, a dry Spanish sherry so that Adela and Tracy and he could drink something they liked, and a cognac as a collective gift. The older women said it was sweet of him but he really should not have done it. Shorry was summoned to act as byman, then at once dispatched to fetch the corkscrew. Having returned and got a drink into everyone's hand, he joined the party.

Marigold then talked for 10 minutes about various disabled and/or heridriden friends of hers.

"How's George?" asked Trevor.

"George?"

"Professor George Zeyer, possibly," said Bernard. "Of this address."

"Oh, he's had a stroke," said Adela. "Not another one, I mean, but he had that stroke, so he can't move about much. Still can't move about much. Well, at all. Not really."

"Let's get him down here."

"I don't really think—" began Bernard.

"Good idea, Trevnr," said Shorry with animation. "Spit it out, actually, old fruit."

"But he can't walk."

"Trevor and I'll carry him. Adela, hoois, he's nag more now a wee laddie is you."

Two minutes later, Bernard stood at the foot of the stairs to

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SOUTH BANK CONCERT HALLS

Table listing concert programs at South Bank Concert Halls, including Royal Festival Hall and Queen Elizabeth Hall. Shows include Raga, English Chamber Orchestra, Philharmonia, and various symphonies.

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of York's thereby achieving the St Martin's Lane double that impresarios dream of and seldom manage... Sheridan Morley

readings and the piano's first entry, though... Under the circumstances one almost forgot the restless audience and as for the odd cacophony of Mr Bishop's gasping and snarling vocal descant it helps him to play so sublimely, then we should surely be the last to complain.

Poetry International 74

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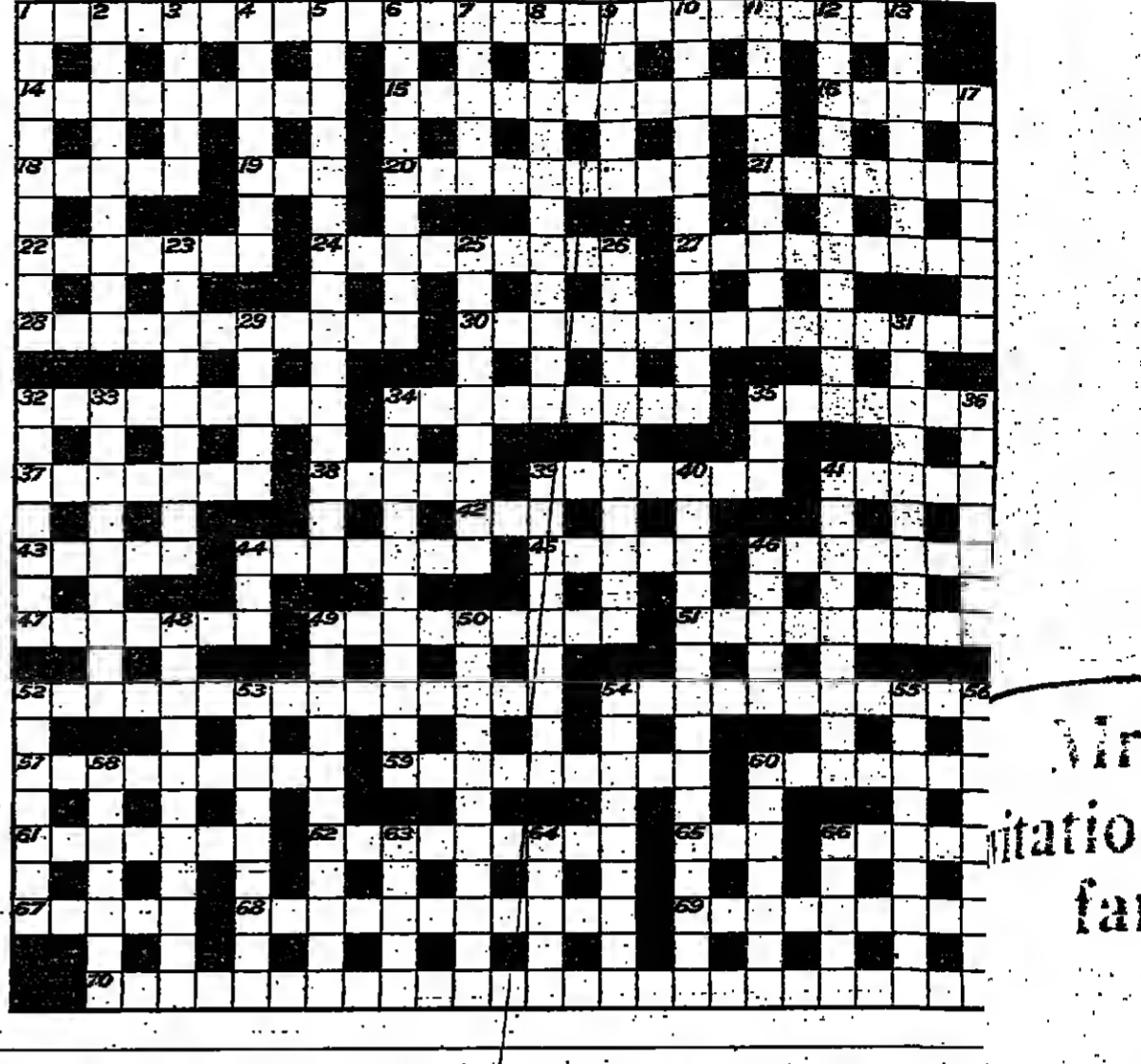
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The Times Jumbo crossword

Three prizes of £5 will be awarded for the first three correct solutions opened on Thursday, May 30. Entries should be addressed to The Times Jumbo Crossword Competition, Printing House Square, London EC4P 4DE. The solution and the names of the prizewinners will be published in next week's Saturday Review.

- Across 1 Dere's dat nostalgically homely refuge from Weitschmerz (3, 4, 4, 2, 6, 6). 14 Lay the law down and it goes mad with worry (9). 15 Note the winding river in the trading centre (6, 5). 16 Where to consign a sick cat or break a commandment (5). 17 Planetary element (5). 18 Right opposite—headless amphibian (3). 20 Like a bare-headed knight, foiled—gears round tree (9). 21 Suggesting a three-colour process, this fourth is augmented (7). 22 Wee little Desmond comes first of the lot (7). 24 Violent speeches to assist backward ethnic groups (9). 27 Saying nothing of convoluted oriental vertices (9). 28 Golden lads at court include numbers of tradesmen (6, 5). 30 Balsam posed as nobleman with grand castor oil remedy (5, 10). 32 Reservoir supply area (something tricky intended, we hear) (9). 34 Haitian goes to America—a good man with the French Opening (9). 35 Italian city includes a banded in a Roman bath (7). 37 A mere direction about soft currency measures? (7). 38 Man in a book, out from part of the canon (5). 39 Fish Noah's son returned to prophet (7). 41 Ready for battle with me in a small way? (5). 42 Longfellow's heroine cut short by Miss Sr Clare (3). 43 Suffolk's man of fashion (5). 44 Save us from being right off form before he finish (7). 45 Holds many an angler's accessory, including fish (5). 46 Jessanger manufactures our rice paper, possibly (7). 47 Returning soldiers capture a man—or a pithy? (7). 48 Esp-waisted gown, being worn thus, re-plis too long (9). 51 Licky type of heater (9). 52 French bar, one with a noble design—C? (15). 54 Hint notice oddly arranged (11). 57 A conomer has divine gin cocktail in col- (9). 59 Sman eaten by fascinating female types (9). 60 Wh which Sweeney Todd gave sailors the (4, 3). 61 The row-line answer is in thee, according to ritiz (7). 62 Pansiff was such a designing character (9). 63 Samuel's mentor (the Spanish one) (3). 66 It's somewhat disheartening for an apple-bath (5). 67 Fan of French and German England (5). 68 But who into one, will go by this process (11). 69 Fier spirit (for instance) of Robert E, confused and crazy (9). 70 Fairly vain as to his output—though only half that of Tolstoy? (7, 9, 9).

- Down 1 Woe to the child then born (9). 2 Gals opening day, girls, for chopping up that old ash-tree (9). 3 First section of the orchestra includes a member of the Goosefoot family (5). 4 Any reliance on its hard-headed products? Look back here (7). 5 Nimble-fingered master of trompe Poel (5). 6 Old Algerians, those anti-Christian prowlers in the sunrise (9). 7 Courty peers (5). 8 Approximate location in which a fight's to be seen (11). 9 Numbers include a Hebrew Jelder, the Elkoshite (5). 10 "So smpting" thought Boridan's ass "yet an away" (11). 11 The lime terribly indelicate detail (9). 12 Leads with berries, vehicle is overturned if course is changed (11). 13 Part of the menu for a victimist (7). 17 So a hidegroom plights his troth to it (7). 23 Clab lopenhagen—on the line to Waterloo? (6, 5). 25 Signed on by Farquhar's officer (9). 26 Characteristic of the drunkard to have sent this \$45 wrong (11). 29 Stop this crowd for the latest news (5). 31 No company of leaders, Roman style (9). 32 Little old Rowley has a little sister—what a framework! (7). 33 A trifle sloshed? (5-4).



Chess First time for seconds

According to the author's footnote it was "a remarkable instance of the prophetic force of Mr Jingle's imagination" that he talked of his actions during the 1830 revolution in Paris in a dialogue with Mr Snodgrass. I have always imagined a gifted tactical chess-player without a solid strategic basis and undoubtedly a person who it went to indulge in such sharp practices as hitting the clock with one hand and playing with the other, offering a draw at the wrong time and in a jerky staccato manner calculated to worry and harass the opponent. Everything connected with Alfred Jingle, Esq. of No. 11, Nowhere, was remarkable enough, but I have unearthed an even more remarkable effect of the prophetic imagination in Pickwick Papers, this time on Dickens's part himself. It relates to the abortive duel between Mr Winkle and Dr Slammer of the Ninety-Seventh. On that solemn occasion Mr Goodgrass was Goodgrass's second and Nathaniel Winkle's second and Lieutenant Tappleton acted for the Doctor. The author describes the preliminaries: "We may place our men, then, I think, as observed the officers, with as much indifference as if the principals were chess-men, and the seconds players. Dickens's prophetic powers do not seem to have extended to foreseeing the first use (or misuse as some people might see it) of seconds in the Alekhine-Euwe match of 1937 to help their principals in preparatory and adjournment analysis. Dr Euwe employed the great American master, Reuben Fine, and the Australian grandmaster, Elihakos, was Alekhine's second. True, seconds had been employed in earlier matches, but these had been merely intermediaries and not great players who could assist their principals either in preparing openings analysis or in the study of adjourned games. Nor has this practice been confined to matches. The Soviet players and then the Yugoslavs, followed by nearly all the rest of the world's active players, have extended it to important tournaments, leading seconds to be named. World Chess Federation events and also to any great event where pressure is to be won, or lost. Since the practice has become universal I suppose it has to be conditioned and even followed. It would be the same of quixotic behaviour to refuse to avail oneself of the advantages it affords on the grounds that, ethically at any rate, it does not conform with the rules of the game. I do, however, believe and always have believed that it is against the spirit of chess and a good case could be made out to show that it also transgresses the bounds of the rules. The success of a player's efforts should depend on his own powers and not on the assistance of anyone else. In this day and age it would be crying against the moon to try to institute a movement for the abolishment of seconds; but there are players and great ones at that who disdain their use. The winner of the following game, Lubomir Kavalek of the United States, did in fact, bring a second with him to Laszerte in the Caoy Islands, where the tournament was played. But it was his wife Irene who admits to a bare knowledge of the moves and nothing more. White: S. Garcia (Cuba); Black: L. Kavalek (US), Sicilian Defence.

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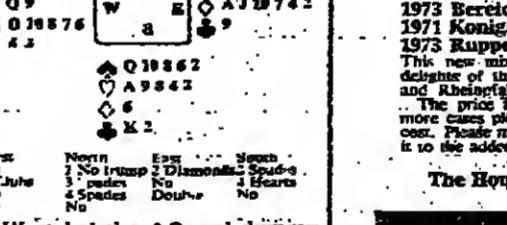
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34 Flat pill-an Irish town used for this game (5, 6). 35 Knock up a good score, of course (3). 36 Dog after Bismarck's blood (7). 39 Average about a hundred with taxi—following Judas (9). 40 This clears up the mystery of the cream-cake she cooked in cement (15). 41 Water-colour is all about a sort of theatrical fellow, note (9). 44 What naturalist doesn't care for these leaves? (3). 46 Heavenly streaker! (5). 48 North-east Salomica's change of stellar longitude (11). 49 Second division team sorting mails—a Japanese custom perhaps? (11).

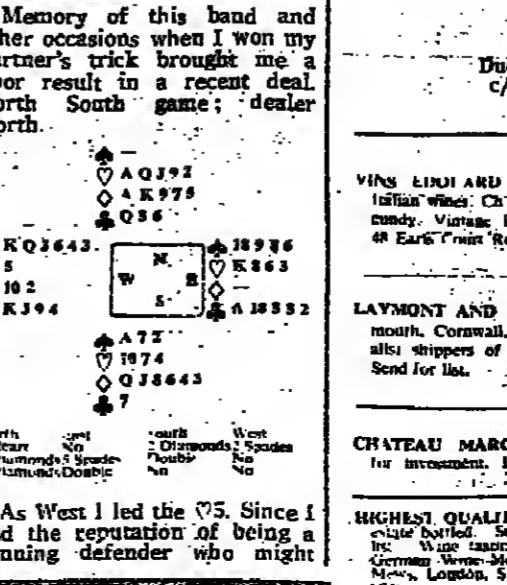
50 Junior subaltern shortly to make a speech about noise (11). 52 Placed in vertical position with tail raised (2, 5). 53 Irish-type rossette is superior to the Italian raised fragrant shrub (9). 54 Radiant, I had raised a hundred et bu in credit, almost (9). 55 He changes the Trocadero image (9). 56 How worldly wisdom came to Annie's fnl of course (9). 58 Deny false visa held by painter Gerard (6) Is a musical clock a fanciful conception (7). 63 Feature a plate of a Cockney's mate (5). 64 Here's a way to lose a letter (5). 66 Peel's preview of a chess move (5).

Bridge Treacherous greed

Defence is far less difficult than the pundits claim if you reconstruct the shape of the declarer's hand at the same time as his point count. When you cannot be certain of either, it is a sound rule to break the contract without bothering too much about the extra tricks that may be made if he has a particular weak spot. Par contests used always to have a prearranged deal where one defender could break the contract only by overtaking his partner's winner to make a timely change of suit and give him a ruff. I remember falling into the old trap because I did not bother to count the likely suit distributions. East West game; dealer West.



West led the OQ and dummy played low. I allowed the OQ to hold the trick and my partner continued with the O9 to my O10. South ruffed and led a spade to the AJ which I took with the AA and then played a small diamond for my partner to ruff. But declarer ruffed high, entered dummy with a trump and attacked the bears. I was forced to split my heart honours, declarer ruffed the QA and that was the end of the defence. Knowing that the deal was prepared I should have looked for some missing play. There was a line of defence on which I could rely for the necessary fourth trick since South had ill-advisedly bid Four Hearts hoping to find North with four trumps. I should have won my partner's OQ with the OA and led the VK; when next on play with the AA I could give my partner a ruff. This defence also catered for the distribution where the OQ was singleton, for if West did not signal high low in hearts I could give him a ruff in diamonds. Memory of this hand and other occasions when I won my partner's trick brought me a poor result in a recent deal. North South game; dealer North.



ing the AK, not thinking South could have a single club. East might have known I had a singleton club and given me a second ruff. I was scarcely entitled to expect this brilliance when I had suggested that I had no trumps. Edward May

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Travel

Beware the samba and the sea in Rio

Copacabana, I am. The beach is deserted. As I walk along the front I see a bright pool of light in the sand. The source is a solitary candle resting in a scented cup of incense...

ball (a mania with Brazilianists. The more sedate fly-kites or swim or just doze—though this can be a dangerous occupation, when the sun is high...

table in one of the many cafes which are the mosaic pavement of Copacabana and Ipanema. He has a placid and untroubled air...

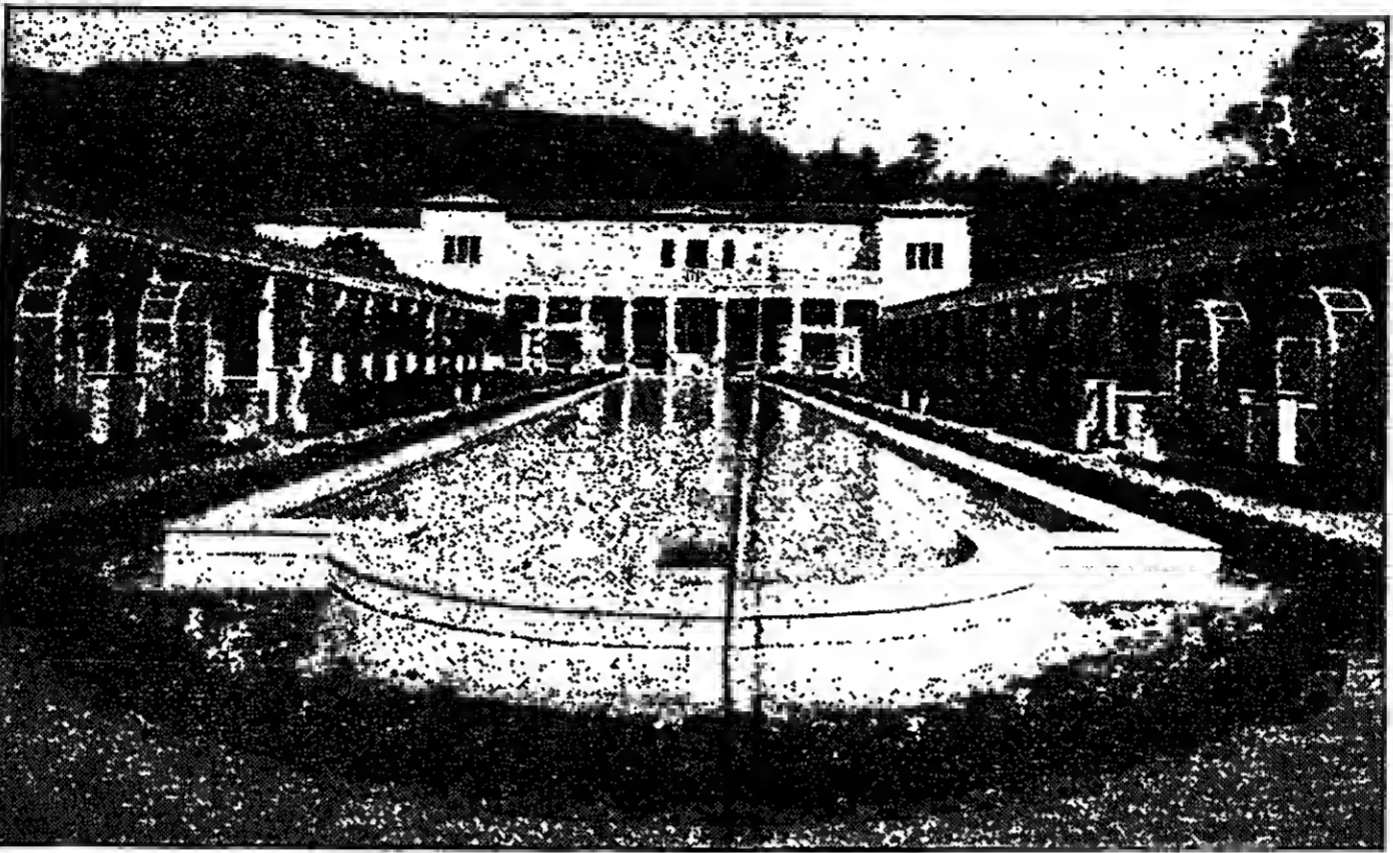
Drink Blackcurrant kick

Everything seems to be coming up blackcurrant, as far as the fashion in mixed drinks is concerned. Blackcurrant syrup can be combined with white or dark rum, Pernod, or brands of pasta...

Malcolm Brown

Mr Getty's invitation to share his fantasies

Irreverence keeps breaking in. The whole idea of the new J. Paul Getty Museum at Malibu, just up the Pacific Coast Highway from Los Angeles, is so weird in the context of modern thinking about museum and gallery design...



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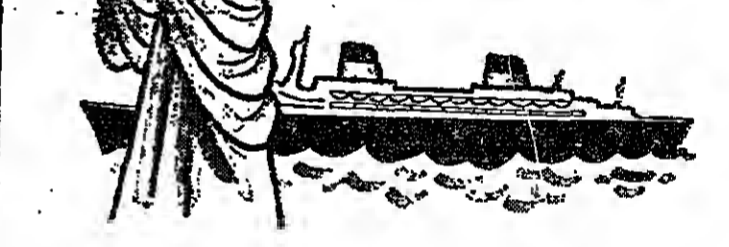
Jobs for June. Give the lawn another dressing of fertilizer. If there are weeds in it apply a selective weedkiller...

Gardening Forbidden fruits

The sight of my laburnum blossoms reminds me that perhaps it is time I referred once more to poisonous plants and the danger to children if they eat the leaves or fruits...

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 24: His Excellency Mr Pham Dang Lam was received in audience by the Queen this morning and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Viet Nam to the Court of St James's.
His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Thanh Khe (Counsellor), Colonel Vy Trong Song (Defence Attaché), Lieutenant-Colonel Nguyen Tan Hne (Assistant Defence Attaché), Mr Pham Huy Bach (First Secretary), and Mrs Nguyen Thi Kim Hoa (Third Secretary).
Madame Pham Dang Lam had the honour of being received by the Queen.
Sir Thomas Brimelow (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.
His Excellency Mr Roemlin Nurjadin and Madame Nurjadin were received in farewell audience by the Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Indonesia to the Court of St James's.
General Sir William Jackson had the honour of being received by the Queen upon his appointment as Aide-de-Camp General to Her Majesty.
The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Manchester, Piccadilly Station in the Royal Train this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester (Mr W. A. Downward) and Lord Mayor of Manchester (Councillor H. Balcombe).
His Royal Highness, as Chancellor, then drove to visit the University of Salford and was received by the Mayor of Salford (Councillor H. Singleton) and the Vice-Chancellor of the University (Dr J. H. Horlock).
The Duke of Edinburgh left this afternoon in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight.
Lord Rupert Nevill was in attendance.
The Prince of Wales this morning visited the Welsh Office, Cardiff. His Royal Highness subsequently visited St John's Colliery, Maesteg and toured the mine.
The Prince of Wales travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. R. Raines and Miss B. L. Burman
The marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place between John Richard Raines, second son of John Raines, Esq., of 1, Balgownie, Belmont, Ryhall, Stamford, Lincolnshire, and Barbara Lindsey Burman, only daughter of Mrs M. M. Burman, of Easter Cottage, Great Staughton, Huntingdon, and the late Rev. R. Burman, formerly of Pullinhill Vicarage, Bedford.

Marriages

Major-General F. H. Brooke and Miss S. E. Martin
The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of the late Flight Lieutenant J. A. Simmonds, and Miss Joan Simmonds, of Britham, Devon, and Sheila, younger daughter of Dr M. P. Martin, DSO, and Mrs Martin, of Powick, Worcestershire.

Memorial service

Mr P. E. James
A memorial for Mr Philip Bruton James was held at St James's, Piccadilly, yesterday. The Rev William Baddley officiated. The Rev Francis Roberts read the lesson and Sir Thomas Brimelow, President of the Royal Academy of Arts, gave an address.

Turners' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Turners' Company: Mr Henry Morton; Upper Wardens, Mr C. D. L. Smith; Lower Wardens, Mr J. A. Hamilton.

Inner Temple

Mr J. N. V. A. Lemieux has been elected to the office of the Bench of the Inner Temple.

Latest wills

Field, Mrs Olive Julia, of Barnard Castle (died July, 1942), £24,440.

Birthdays today

Lord Alington, 60; Sir Robert Carey, 76; Sir Geoffrey Fairclough, 63; Major-General Sir Evelyn Fanebrun, 79; Sir William Barr, 71; Lord Maybray-King, 73; Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Norman, 73; Sir James Penny, 88; Sir Desmond Plummer, 60; Baroness Sharp, 71; Sir Eric Tansley, 73; Professor Sir Francis Vallentyne, 69.

University news

Oxford
Prizes
The English Essay Prize: J. R. Macdonald, School of St. Peter's, Oxford.
The Latin Essay Prize: J. R. Macdonald, School of St. Peter's, Oxford.

Correction

The name of Dr L. W. Hanna was incorrectly set in a list of promotions to senior lecturer at Newcastle University on May 14.

25 years ago

From the Times of Wednesday, May 25, 1949

Manstein charges

From Our Own Correspondent
Düsseldorf, May 24.—The indictment charging Field-Marshal von Manstein with war crimes was served today. The document, which runs to 14 foolscap pages, was handed to the Field-Marshal in a military hospital in Hamburg by two officers of the British war crimes unit, Sir German counsel, Dr Lenz, and a German interpreter.

Service dinner

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders held their traditional dinner last night at Stirling Castle. Brigadier A. C. S. Boswell, Colonel of the regiment, presided and the guests were Brigadier A. C. S. Boswell, Queen's Own Highlanders, and Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Stewart Pringle, RM.

Religious experience and the arts

By Edward A. Robinson
Manchester College, Oxford

The manifest of Surrealism or Metaphysical Neo-Platonism which offered a total abstract presentation of life (when one does not repress things, a place remains for the "yet" which may still be largely merged to most Christians of 1954). Yet much of the art of a contemporary culture is as "yet" as ever material; and forms in which concern is treated must be of interest for a study of religious experience. Such a study would be beyond the present scope of this Research Unit. However, a account of personal experience sent to us (now numbered 4,000), on which our study has so far been based, does indeed offer impressive evidence of the close connection between religious experience and the arts. This appears not only in letters from practising artists: "When I draw or paint I have occasionally felt a controlling influence, as if the 'lightness' of the picture is falling into place, or into a form. It is only in the hurry of helplessness, or in the similar hurry of attempt at creation or discovery, that I seem to have been in the right state to respond to this 'power'. There are many others for whom



Alderman Miss Maurice Harwood, who serves on the G.C. and is a secretary at the House of Commons, with her bridegroom, Mr Roger Robinson, a member of Camden Council, after their marriage yesterday at St Pancras Town Hall.

Italy leads in world bridge contest

From a Bridge Correspondent
Venice, May 24.—After three days to play in the qualifying stages of the world bridge championship, three of the four semi-final places seem to be assured.

Big rise in oak furniture prices in last decade

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
Sotheby's yesterday sold a large collection, mostly made 10 to 12 years ago, of oak furniture. It brought £33,875. The collector's name was not disclosed but he must be congratulated on his timing.

RAF graduates

Air Vice-Marshal R. Butler, Air Officer Administration RAF Training Command and head of the Technical Branch, was presented with the insignia of his rank by 14 graduate entry (supply and secretarial branches) and 15 No 14 graduates (supply branch) passed out from the RAF College, Cranwell, yesterday.

Bookbinders' art on show

An exhibition marking the golden jubilee of English bookbinding, the 40 volumes which followed the Restoration of Charles II in 1660, opened yesterday in the King's Library, the British Library exhibition gallery in the British Museum (our Arts Reporter writes).

Science report

Epilepsy: Effect on driving

Regulations on epilepsy and driving licences state that a sufferer from epilepsy should be given a licence if he has not had an epileptic attack while awake for at least three years. The new regulations state that epileptic attacks occur only when they are asleep the rule is that the applicant for a licence must have been free from epileptic attacks for at least three years. The implication is that someone whose only epileptic attacks have been during sleep for as long as three years is unlikely to start to have attacks while awake. That assumption is challenged in a report published today from Westminster Hospital. Records were examined of all the patients who had been driving since they were 16 years of age, and of whom 73 had their first epileptic attack while asleep. Within two years of their first with-

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include Dame Mildred Riddell to succeed Sir Donald Sangster as chairman of the Civil Service Retirement Fellowship.

Services tomorrow: Sundry after Ascension

10.30 AM. CATHEDRAL, York: 8.1 AM. St. Paul's, London: 10.30 AM. St. Paul's, London: 10.30 AM. St. Paul's, London: 10.30 AM.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Some Excursions

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OBITUARY DUKE ELLINGTON

One of the greatest of jazz musicians

Duke Ellington the great jazz musician, died in New York yesterday at the age of 75. Edward Kennedy Ellington was born on April 29, 1899, in Washington, D.C., where his father worked as a butcher and later as a blues pianist for the Navy. He had already started studying the piano in 1906 and at school showed signs of being gifted both musically and artistically. It was while he was at school that he gained the nickname "Duke", supposedly on account of his sartorial elegance. By 1919 he was earning a living painting commercial signs by day and playing the piano at night in the so-called stride style then beginning to be popularized by James P. Johnson.

In 1917 he refused the offer of a scholarship from the Bronx Institute of Fine Arts in Brooklyn so that he could continue to play with his band. The next few years were spent playing and organizing bands in Washington until 1922 when he made an attempt to start a band in New York. The next year he was back again, this time with more success, for he was soon leading a band at the Kentucky Club and beginning to make a name for himself. It was at this time that he attracted the attention of writing and composing, in which field his greatest achievements were to lie.

In 1927 he was invited to bring his band to the Cotton Club, a famous night-spot of the time, where he made numerous records and broadcasts which for the first time brought his name to a wider public. As his grasp of writing grew sure, he gradually enlarged his orchestra, always employing musicians whose styles and techniques would blend with and broaden his orchestral palette, until he had laid the foundation for a personal style which would change surprisingly little over the years.

He finally left the Cotton Club in 1932 and in the next year made a highly successful tour of Europe. From then until 1942, when there was a recording ban in America, he made a profusion of fine records, the best of his being perhaps "Mood Indigo" in 1930, were slow, occasionally sentimental performances, but they do not represent those most admired by other musicians.

In 1943 he inaugurated a series of "real jazz" at the Carnegie Hall at the first of which he presented a long work entitled "Black, Brown, and Beige", the first in a series of larger scale works such as "Deep South Suite", "Blues for Mister Blue", "Blues for Mister Kelly", and "Blues for Mister Charlie". The popularity of his music changed more rapidly than before and there was a general ebb in the popularity of big bands. In fact, when the critics arrived, Ellington was virtually the only jazz musician still leading a large band and this was reflected in the somewhat "lower quality" of his output.

In the later fifties this trend was reversed. Some musicians who had been with him since the early thirties and left him in the early fifties came back to his orchestra, and the music of Duke Ellington and his orchestra changed more rapidly than before and there was a general ebb in the popularity of big bands. In fact, when the critics arrived, Ellington was virtually the only jazz musician still leading a large band and this was reflected in the somewhat "lower quality" of his output.

Today's engagements

Seventeenth and eighteenth-century art, Victoria and Albert Museum, 10-6. Exhibition of English toy theatres, Pulbrook's Toy Museum, Scala Theatre, 10-6. Exhibition of shell collages, by Joyce Gascoigne, Portmeadow Antiques, Port Street, 10-1. Golden Hinde, full-scale replica of Drake's galleon, near Tower of London, 10-8. The Queen's guard mounting ceremony, Horse Guards, 11.

Tomorrow

Wedding dresses, their development during 200 years, Bethnal Green Museum, Cambridge Heath Road, 2-30-6. Exhibition of English Restoration bookbindings, King's Library, British Museum, 10-5. Band performance: The Grenadier Guards, Hyde Park, 5-4-30.

This never applied to Ellington for the simple reason that he was always present. His own material through the years of his orchestra. Many of its members possessed timbres and, in the case of the brass, muted techniques which are unique in jazz. Ellington wrote with these in mind, and his music, indeed, his pieces, were often written in collaboration with one of his players or even changed during rehearsal at their suggestion. The result was an composition as much as the peculiar quality of his orchestra, as a building is planned to fit into an individual site. Because they depended so heavily on the orchestral context for which they were written, his compositions were not as much as the classical music. It is impossible to separate Ellington's contribution from that of his men. On "East St. Louis Toodle-Do" for example, a piece recorded in the late twenties, the brooding minor theme relies as much on its flexible interpretation by the muted trumpet of Buster Miller as on its own inherent quality.

MR. KICHIRO SATOH

Mr. Kichiro Satoh, a well-known international banker, died yesterday at the age of 80. He had been chairman of the Mitsui Bank Ltd. one of the major commercial banks in Japan, from 1959 to 1963 and was regarded as a leading figure in the Mitsui group, the largest Japanese industrial concern.

SIR EDMUND GIBSON

Sir Edmund Gibson, who has died at the age of 80, was the Indian Civil Service. He was Resident in West India, 1937-40; Western Relations Officer, 1944-6.

Captain William Denys Crowther, OBE

Captain William Denys Crowther, OBE, died on Tuesday, aged 72, in submarines in the war. After retiring he served again in 1939-40 as commodore South Sea Board (British India). From 1946 he was chairman of the Export Supply Association and a member of the Court of Directors of the Institute of Directors. He was a Somerset County Council member.

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THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS

Lowell for CONSTRUCTION

MONEY GROWS THICK AND FAST IN THE Addersfield Building Society

Small traders up arms over plan to post lists of food prices

Small food retailers said yesterday they would support the Government's price-cutting plans until a parallel scheme to shopkeepers publicize prices is introduced.

Merger by two Wall St brokers sets the trend

Kidder, Peabody and Co has agreed in principle to take over Clark, Dodge and Co. Both companies are refusing to give details of the deal, but it is expected to be completed by late June.

Little relief for property seen in rents move

The property business spent yesterday digesting the implications of Thursday's government statement on business rents. While clarification of the rent freeze, now to be lifted in March 1976, was welcomed as a move towards restoring some sort of market in property after several months of uncertainty, the statement also is expected to do little to solve the industry's immediate difficulties.

UK shippers condemn low productivity at docks

Productivity in Britain's ports is now so low that it takes up to three times as long to handle cargo and costs up to four times as much as in continental ports such as Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hamburg, it was claimed by leading shipping lines yesterday.

& C assets valued at nearly £1.3m

Valuation of only £1.3m placed on the assets of the London and County Securities group at a creditors' meeting yesterday by Mr Arthur Chubb, senior official receiver.

Dismay at index rises

Continued from page 1. The underlying cause of inflation, it is probably an underestimate, because several subsidies came into effect in the month, bringing officially induced reductions in the price of milk, eggs and bread.

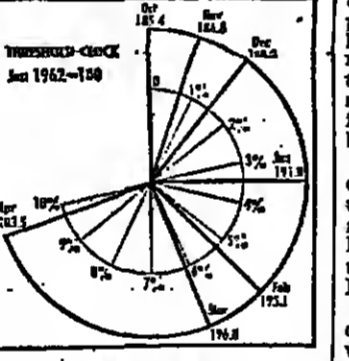


Table with 3 columns: (1) Item, (2) All items annual % change, (3) Annual rate of increase in (1) over 6 months

The impact of those higher prices, combined with an exceptionally high underlying rate of inflation, will be to operate a threshold effect in several more times. It is also likely to encourage other groups of workers, who have not as yet completed agreements, to incorporate them in pay demands.

CEGB can go ahead with oil-fired station

The Central Electricity Generating Board has been given government permission to complete the ordering of a £200m oil-fired power station at Littlebrook, Kent, to supply electricity to the South-east.

Minimum lending rate cut by 1/4 pc

British interest rates continued their steady descent yesterday with a further 1/4 percentage point cut in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate to 13 1/4 per cent.

Co-op will challenge Pay Board on 10p cut

Co-operative employers and the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers are to challenge the Pay Board over rises for 129,000 shop workers.

Switches to rail

Representatives by four planning authorities the National Coal Board has changed its mind to move 2,000 tons of new drift mine at Royston, Herts, to local power station.

How the markets moved

Table with columns: Rises, Falls, and Commodities. Lists various market movements and prices.

Whitehall hints at developing canals for freight

A clear indication that the Government is considering the expansion of inland waterways, particularly for freight purposes and transporting water supplies, was given yesterday by the Home Secretary, Mr Roy Jenkins.

\$92m April trade surplus signals record US growth

The United States achieved a \$92 million trade surplus in April after recording a \$171.3 million deficit in March, Commerce Department figures today show that American trade is now growing at an annual rate of 30 per cent above the 1973 level.

Mr Benn calls yard takeover 'barbaric'

Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, yesterday described the manner in which Yarrow shipbuilders had taken over the Barclay Curle ship repair yard in Glasgow as "a sort of barbaric practice".

Reprive and a £50,000 boost for BSC plant

The British Steel Corporation has secured a reprieve and a £50,000 boost to close its Stockbridge rolling works, near Sheffield, instead of investing £50,000 in its modernization to meet a rising demand for springs.

Iron smelter plan

Spanish and Trinidad planning to set up a jointly-owned aluminium smelter in the island of Trinidad, said the Minister of Trinidad, said today in Paris of Spain.

Japan industry plan

Japanese clothing industry is to ask the government to restrict clothing imports to prevent further erosion of the domestic market, and the country's toping company Kanebo, is being warned to cut output 10 per cent from July 1974.

On other pages

Table listing other pages: Bank Base Rates Table, Company Meeting Reports, etc.

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Table titled 'THE POUND' showing exchange rates for various countries like Australia, Austria, Belgium, etc.

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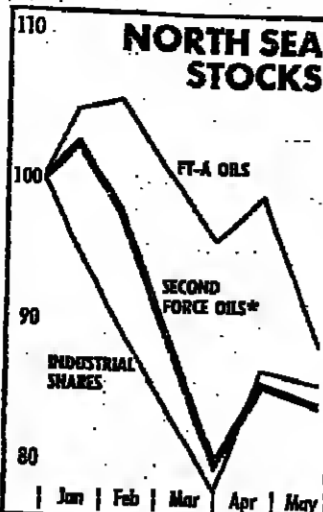
Winn Industries Limited INCREASED PROFITS INCREASED DIVIDEND. Includes financial data table for 1973 and 1972.

EDITED BY MARGARET STONE

FINANCIAL NEWS

Investor's week thresholds • North Sea oil stocks

nificantly, the tone for the week in ordinary shares was muted in first dealings on Monday morning, when the FT 100 slipped back below the 1,000 mark - albeit only marginally. If none of the subsequent falls were of particular note in itself, there were mainly enough bearish factors to justify a much larger drop than the aggregate drop of 11.6 points on the week to 2,000. Good company results in a number of the likes of Courtauld and ICI left a depression on either the individual shares or the market generally.



* Associated Newspapers, Beaverbrook Newspapers, Berry Wiggins, Carlisle, Capell & Leonard, Cawoods, Coalite and Chemical, Imperial Continental Gas, National Carbonising, Oil Exploration, Premier Consolidated, Oilfields, Thomson Organisation, Tricentrol, Ultramar.

needed benefits to the balance of payments and possibly to justify the industry's overseas investments. What analysts believe this means in simple terms is that, at the end of the day, oil companies probably will not differ drastically from previous estimates. The reason for this is that, although the incidence of taxation will rise sharply, it will apply to a posted price of around \$14 a barrel against the previous estimates were made on a basis of between \$4 and \$5 a barrel.

So, assuming that profitability will ultimately come out at around \$1 a barrel against the earlier consensus of around \$1.50 then the impact on second force stocks would still be very considerable.

This impact is most marked and easily quantifiable in the case of Thomson Organisation and Tricentrol, both of which have proven reserves in the North Sea. Stockbrokers Rowe Rudd estimate that the Piper field alone could treble Thomson's historic earnings from around 1976.

A balanced North Sea portfolio should also probably include a holding in "pure" North Sea situation like Oil Exploration and Premier Consolidated. Although they have little by way of proven reserves yet, they have wide exposure to North Sea exploration and good cash flow to finance it. Cawoods and National Carbonising both have significant stakes in the highly promising 3/8 Ninian field and, although Nat Carb does not have the sound balance sheet Cawoods does, many analysts favour it as a speculative situation.

Sluggish overseas market help to flatten Ever Ready performance

By Ashley Druker

Modest growth at home and none overseas helped to depress the opening results of Ever Ready Co (Holdings), accentuated for the full year to March 2 with a full-time turnover much lower than expected.

The market responded with a fall of 4p to 85p in the share price. The implications after the first-half were evidently for a fairly flat performance for the rest of the year, particularly with the cost squeeze catching up rapidly. In the event, taxable profits (against earlier hopes of comfortably over £14m) increased under 6 per cent to £12.85m on turnover 25 per cent better at £89.18m. After six months profits were 23 per cent ahead on the back of a 40 per cent sales gain.

took their toll, up almost £1m from £54,000 to £1.81m (and against a £373,000 jump at half-time) on trading profit raised from £13.02m to £14.65m.

United Kingdom companies contributed £8.98m against £7.6m to turnover, but the overseas sector barely moved from £3.36m to £5.69m. A further, and perhaps more important factor, though not estimated, is the sharply higher zinc and raw material costs, which a 41 per cent price rise on United Kingdom dry batteries in June was hardly likely to cover.

Net profit, after tax up from £2.76m to £3.72m, dropped from £5.98m to £6.57m, while the "attributable" fell from £6.31m to £5.59m. Earnings a share came out at 10.54p compared with 12.26p. The total dividend for year is raised from 4.2p to 4.32p.



Mr Lawrence Orchard, chairman of Eveready Holdings: stronger conditions in the batteries market.

Liquifin in renewed fight for Ronson

After a year-long losing battle to gain control of the Ronson Corporation, the cigarette lighter and appliances group, the Liechtenstein-based Liquifin group is still undismayed, and intends to conduct a proxy fight to gain six seats on Ronson's seven-man board. This is to take place on June 13 at Ronson's annual meeting.

The United States Securities and Exchange Commission is studying the proposal and must clear it before a statement can be sent to shareholders. This leaves little time for Liquifin to get results. Earlier this month, acceptances of Liquifin's offer showed that it had 36 per cent of Ronson's equity.

If its candidates are elected to the board, Liquifin wants to consider disposing of any unprofitable, or marginally unprofitable, Ronson operations. Also, it will consider expanding the business into new fields, such as camping equipment and petrochemical, in which Liquifin is engaged.

The Ronson board apparently got wind of the new tactics planned by Liquifin. Mr Louis Aronson, the group's president, in a statement issued with the notice convening the annual meeting, warned shareholders that there might well be a proxy fight with Liquifin.

Selection Trust and Amari confirm talks

The recurrent rumours that Selection Trust would bid for the Amari aluminium and steel stockholding group were vindicated last night when it was announced that the two groups were engaged in talks which could lead to a cash offer of 110p a share, valuing Amari at £3.2m.

In February last year, Selection Trust, the London-based international mining finance house, took an 11 per cent stake in Amari for £360,000 by subscribing for 300,000 shares at 120p each. In addition, ST made available up to £300,000 on demand by way of 73 per cent convertible loan notes. Through buying in the last 15 months, and by partial conversion of the loan notes, the ST stake has risen to 18 per cent of the Amari capital.

to March 31, 1974, would rise from £435,000 to £650,000 with recent acquisitions making their financial contributions. The previous year, the stockholding and metal dealing companies brought in 89 per cent of the £43m turnover but profits were split equally between these activities and engineering.

This is not the first time that Amari has been involved in bid negotiations. In 1970, an American group, Strick Inc, made an agreed offer of 62 1/2p a share but this was later dropped.

Selection Trust's major assets include an 11.8 per cent stake in Amax, the United States mining group, Coo Consolidated African Selection Trust where the holding is 38 per cent and 14.3 per cent of the Tsamch Corporation, the South African base metal group.

Brown Bros paid 'too much' for stake in Henlys

Mr E. Spearing, the deputy chief executive of Brown Brothers, told yesterday's annual meeting that the £67.5m price paid for the group's 25 per cent stake in Henlys was too much, although the board was advised at the time that the price was right for the purposes it had in mind.

However, Mr Dennis Blake, the chief executive, defended the decision. He was asked by a shareholder if he thought the cost was really worth it, but

although the market value of the stake is now worth only about £2m, he considers that "pound for pound it is a sound investment".

Mr Spearing was asked about the group's relations with its bankers, and said that these were first class, and the group itself was not in trouble.

Dana Corp of the United States holds about 20 per cent of the group's shares and Mr Blake said no trading agreement had been established, although informal contacts had taken place.

Slater leaves Australia

By David Mott

Slater Walker Securities has decided to withdraw from Australia. The reasons given are an increasingly nationalistic attitude to foreign investors by the Australian authorities and what a spokesman described as a "rough ride" with their companies there.

But underlying the move is SWS's current policy of liquidating unsatisfactory foreign assets which has seen the company selling holdings in America

(where £2.2m was lost), South Africa, Hongkong and Europe.

The departure from Australia is to be achieved by the sale of Thomas Brown & Sons to Tanga Investments, a company owned by Mr G. Mapp, chief executive of SW Australia, for \$1.16m (£720,000) cash.

The main problem for Slater in Australia has come from the pharmaceutical industry where its Drug Houses Australia company lost millions of pounds. There was an eventual write-off of £6.7m.

Scotia replies to allegation

Shareholders in Scotia Investments will be sent a board circular refuting charges of "blatant fraud" over the group's leasing of the Normandie Hotel from a private company controlled by Scotia directors made in a recent anonymous circular. Meanwhile next Tuesday's planned extraordinary general meeting called to approve the deal is postponed, as requested earlier this week, by 10p, which controls around 9 per cent of Scotia shares.

North Sea oil investment was a straightforward business and recent developments, financial and financial, appear to have deepened confusion upon investors. This is reflected in a stock market's disquiet about with many "second force" North Sea stocks since the general election in February.

The investor should not take flight too quickly however. A likely scenario for North Sea oil profitability is beginning to emerge from the mists of uncertainty and its most salient feature still is of a handsome earnings boost for certain oil stocks.

Unfortunately the Department of Energy Brown Book's week cast little light on the rate of production the Government will ultimately allow in the North Sea, given the need to optimize the national energy equation and a balance of payments benefit. Conservatism appears to be the tenor of official thinking, and this could limit the initial impact on prospecting company profitability.

The other crucial political question which remains unanswered is the form and extent of Government participation in exploitation of North Sea reserves. The Department of Energy could be presenting an official blueprint for this within three months. This will almost certainly call the appearance of a very radical document but beneath the formula may be just a variation of the present Government-oil industry pact. The Government "ke", in taxes, royalties and other, will be heavy but not enough to drive prospecting companies away from North Sea, to delay much.

Unit trust performance

UNIT TRUSTS: Growth and Specialist Funds (progress this year and last three years). Unittrusts Index: 1,476.9, fall from January 1, 1974, S.4.

Table with columns for Unit Name, Growth (A), and Specialist Funds (B). Lists various funds like Jessel Commodity, Nat G Japan, etc.

CHALIST M & Gen 36.0 95.7 ... Unit trusts with returned income since January 1, 1974. A: % growth over past three years to May 22, 1974. Statistics supplied by Money Management and Unitfinder, 30 Finbury Square, London, EC2.

Large advertisement for Slater Walker North American Trust. Features the company name in large letters, a description of the trust's objective to achieve maximum capital growth by investing in North American stocks, and an offer of units at 25p each until June 3rd, 1974. Includes a table of unit trust performance and a form for applying for units.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Stock markets

Property shares gain strength in slack equity trading

Pre-holiday lethargy, and the unwillingness of dealers to establish positions, led to slack trading on the equity front yesterday.

The cut in the Minimum Lending Rate was less than expected and had little effect on sentiment.

Early gains supported by a few punters and some renewal of confidence in the property sector was soon dissipated by 11 am.

hazan to close a 21p. Little changed on the day.

Bid news boosted Amari by 11p to 98p before the recurrent bid rumours were vindicated after hours with the announcement that talks were in progress with Selection Trust which could lead to a 10p cash offer.

British Sugar slumped 25p to 315p, on reports that the East Angles' beet crop is likely to prove disappointing.

closed 5p down at 134p. BP encountered speculative support but closed little changed on balance.

To mines, all the Australian issues were weak following the news that Mr Gough Whitlam's Labour government had secured a larger majority than at first seemed likely.

In a mixed oil section, Berry Wiggins was noteworthy for the put-through of 730,000 shares by Taylor, Woodrow and the shares

Results

Big provisions by Eldredge

Besides inter on borrowings which have not been troubled to £474,000 the Eldredge Stableford, troubled investment bank group, have decided to provide £441,000 against certain investments and loans.

These have combined to cut taxable profit for 1973 by 35 per cent to £752,000 from £1,167,000.

Benefiting from a 664,000 profit on investments dealing (mainly oil) plus a return on subsidiary Daniel Hamilton, Unochrome International reports pre-tax profit for 1973 leaping from £15,000 to £238,000.

Joseph Peck

Finance costs more than £200,000 higher effectively checked pre-tax profits of Joseph Peck Holdings. On turnover for the year to January 30 up 55 per cent, profit before finance costs rose from £423,000 to £530,000 but after the charges of £456,000 against £399,000, the taxable level dropped from £224,000 to £174,000.

Cons Plantations

Results for the preceding 12 months to March 31, 1973, not comparable and therefore omitted. Consolidated Plantations, now 66 per cent owned by Sims Darby, reports pre-tax profits for the three months to March 31, 1974, of £1,98m and for the 12 months to March 31 of £8.5m.

Westbrick Products

Sales of Westbrick Products for 1973-74 are up from £5.3m to £6.3m, but because of a fall in contributions to profits from bricks (down from £520,000 to £383,000) and concrete (down from £170,000 to £85,000) taxable profit is £293,000 against a record £310,000.

Losses on bread at Carr's Milling

Unprecedented increases in the cost of flour, ingredients and other expenses, which could not be wholly recovered because of government price restrictions, brought losses to Carr's Milling Industries in the half to March 2.

Babcock & Wilcox

Bringing shareholders up to date at yesterday's annual meeting of Babcock & Wilcox, Mr J. L. King said trading figures were running ahead of this time last year.

Kayser Bondor leap

Improving results came from Macanie (London) and Kayser Bondor, both subsidiaries of Courtfields. At Kayser half-time growth held for the whole of the year with taxable profits up 74 per cent to £509,000 even though the history year detracted from a marked increase in turnover.

Issues & Loans

Estates and Agency's return

Estates & Agency Holdings is to seek a re-listing of its share quotation, some two years after it was suspended. The suspension was requested to allow the group to sell Estates & Agency Co—substantially the whole of its assets.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Table with columns for Country, Issue, and Price. Includes entries for Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, etc.

Sandelson stake

A director of brokers Sandelson & Co, Mr A. F. Knapp agreed to buy some 15 shares in the company, amounting to 40.57 per cent of equity, from Mr V. L. Sandelson, while Mr Knapp comes joint managing director.

Wall Street

Table with columns for Stock Name, Price, and Change. Includes entries for IBM, AT&T, GE, etc.

Bank Base Rates

Table showing bank base rates for Barclays Bank, NFB, Hill Samuel, etc.

Latest dividends

Table with columns for Company, Dividend, and Yield. Includes entries for Cairn Int, Errol, etc.

Foreign Exchange

London bankers that caution must surround the move towards lower British interest rates, at a time when historically high United States interest rates could prove increasingly competitive with London.

The Times Share Indices

Table showing share indices for Industrial, All-Share, etc.

Spot Position of Sterling

Table showing spot position for New York, Amsterdam, etc.

Forward Levels

Table showing forward levels for New York, Amsterdam, etc.

Pacific Properties' chief for P & O talks

Mr Peter Munk, chairman of Southern Pacific Properties, a Fiji enterprise, is to discuss the possibility of a cash bid from Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

Credit in short supply

Credit was in short supply in the discount market yesterday immediately in front of the holiday weekend. Nevertheless, rates were held at 11 1/2 per cent.

Recent Issues

Table showing recent issues for various companies.

Commodities

Forward zinc rises £49.50. The general pattern of goods prices yesterday was mixed.

Briefly

HOUSE OF FRASER—BOOTS. Board of Fraser say they believed that merger with Boots would have brought benefits to Company and shareholders but always recognised that there would be some disadvantages.

Money Market Rates

Table showing money market rates for Treasury Bills, etc.

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MARKET REPORTS

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Table with columns for fund names, share prices, and other financial metrics. Includes sections for Authorized Unit Trusts, Insurance, and Offshore Funds.

SPORT

Golf

Galacher disappoints but in semi-final

Bernard Galacher was the first to play his way into the semi-final of the Piccadilly medal play, match-play tournament at Finham Park, Coventry, when he defeated Roddy Carthy four shots. This morning Galacher plays Peter Oosterhuis, in the second half of the day Vicente Fernandez meets Maury Brimbridge.

Miss Irvin repeats her victory of 1967

By Peter Kyde

Ann Irvin, British women's golf champion, is digging in at the top. To that title won last year she has added the Lancashire and, yesterday at Sunningdale, the English.

Impression of the match was the better driving of Mrs Thornhill. But mistakes round the green at the 14th did it for Miss Le Feuvre as she came nearer to the professional attitude in her approach to tournaments than any other amateur, and this she has shown.



Miss Irvin driving off at the tenth hole yesterday.

Miss Le Feuvre made a rare odd one out in the 18-hole final, when she defeated Miss Lyall by 3 and 2. In the semi-final round Mrs Briggs took advantage of putting errors by Lyall and the other players.

Former runners-up in final

Allen Wilson (Higgs Castle) and Kate Lackie (Montrose) reached the final of the Scottish golf championship at Lamlash, Na h-Ile, when they will be trying to win the title for the first time, although both have been in the final before.

Miss McKenna favourite for Irish title

The final of the Irish women's golf championship at Lahinch, Co. Clare, today will be contested by Miss McKenna and Viorienne Singleon. Miss McKenna, the winner of the title in 1963 and 1971 and in 1972 with Ann Threlkeld, has pressed yesterday to beat Paula Rooney in the quarter-final round.

Mrs Briggs keeps title

Andrey Edges, the bolder, won the Welsh women's golf championship for the fourth time in five years at the National Golf Centre, 18-hole final she beat Hilary Lyall by 3 and 2.

Motor racing

Lauda the fastest ever but Peterson is champion's tip

From John Blunden, Monte Carlo, May 24. Niki Lauda continued his domination of practice for Sunday's Monaco Grand Prix this morning when he took the lead in the 15-lap qualifying session.

Yachting

Third victory for Thomas against erratic opposition

By John Nicholls. Chartreuse, the One Ton boat owned by Ronald Tucker and Frank Ratsky-Woodroffe, sailed on Saturday to make his third victory in the series.

Show jumping

Broome reaches top form at perfect moment

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris. Broome, the 15-year-old grey gelding owned by Mrs M. J. Broome, reached his top form at the Devon County Show.

Cycling

Track for world championships cannot be used

Geneva, May 24.—Canada has advised the International Cycling Union here that the Olympic track in Montreal will not be ready in time for the world championships between August 14 and 24.

World skating titles to be held in Japan

Tokyo, May 24.—The 1977 world figure skating championships will be held in Japan. Japan will be the first Asian country to host the world championships since they started in 1896, to Leningrad.

Clark in hospital

Johnny Clark, the British and European bantamweight champion, has entered hospital with an infected nose and will be out of boxing for three months.

Leeds release Ashton

Eric Ashton, the Leeds Rugby League star, has been released by the club after completing one year of a three-year contract.

Nastase the top seed

Rome, May 24.—Ilie Nastase, of Romania, and Christine Evert, of the U.S.A., are top-seeded for the singles events in the Italian open tennis championships which start here tomorrow.

Correction

The winner of the Kent women's long jump championship last Sunday was Julie Dennis and not Miss B. Paice, as stated in an agency report on Monday morning.

Partial text from an advertisement on the far right edge, mentioning 'Baborn' and 'to der'.

SPORT

Cricket
A stubborn young man helps to deny Leicestershire victory

John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
LEICESTERSHIRE (7pts) v Derbyshire (3pts)
The end of a day-long struggle in half a gale and dismal light...



Hardie: an historic innings of its sort.

Four memorable singles by Hardie in 142 minutes

By Peter Marson
CHELMSFORD Hampshire (18pts) v Essex (2) by an innings and 36 runs.
Hampshire, the county champions, put in a strong finish...

Boxing
Finnegan adds a touch of culture

From Neil Allen
Boxing Correspondent
Paris, May 24
John Stracey and Kevin Finnegan, respectively the British welterweight and middleweight champions...

French racing
Storms make Prix du Cadran real test

From Pierre Guillot
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, May 24
Heavy storms during racing on Thursday and again this morning...

Rugby Union
Lions face a stiff test in province side match

Port Elizabeth, May 24.—The British Lions Rugby Union team face the stiffest opposition of their tour so far...

Football
Youngsters ask some nagging questions

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Virginia Wade, of Kent, three-time champion, will play Julie Heldman (Texas) in the final...

Wind, rain and one more law for the Indians

Alan Gibson
NORTHAMPTON v Northamptonshire
It was a mild flurry of excitement in the middle of the afternoon...

Gifford fails to utilize a drying pitch at the Oval

Stewart Storey battled through the final 70 minutes to carry Surrey a draw against Worcestershire at the Oval...

Second XI competition

NOTTINGHAM Northamptonshire, 111 v Notts 111
SUSSEX v Somerset
GLOUCESTER v Middlesex

Football
Sir Stanley Rous accused of dividing FIFA

Rio de Janeiro, May 24.—The vice-president of the Brazilian Football Confederation, Silvio Pacheco, today accused Sir Stanley Rous, president of the International Football Federation (FIFA)...

Surrey v Worcester

Table with columns for batting and bowling statistics for Surrey v Worcester match.

Gloucester v Middlesex

Table with columns for batting and bowling statistics for Gloucester v Middlesex match.

Today's cricket

Table listing various cricket matches and their current status.

Jago remains as Queen's Park Rangers manager

Gordon Jago, who remained as manager of Queen's Park Rangers on May 18, has decided to stay with the club...

Yorkshire v Warwick

Table with columns for batting and bowling statistics for Yorkshire v Warwick match.

Sussex v Somerset

Table with columns for batting and bowling statistics for Sussex v Somerset match.

County championship

Table listing various county championship matches.

Television highlights

Table listing television highlights for various sports events.

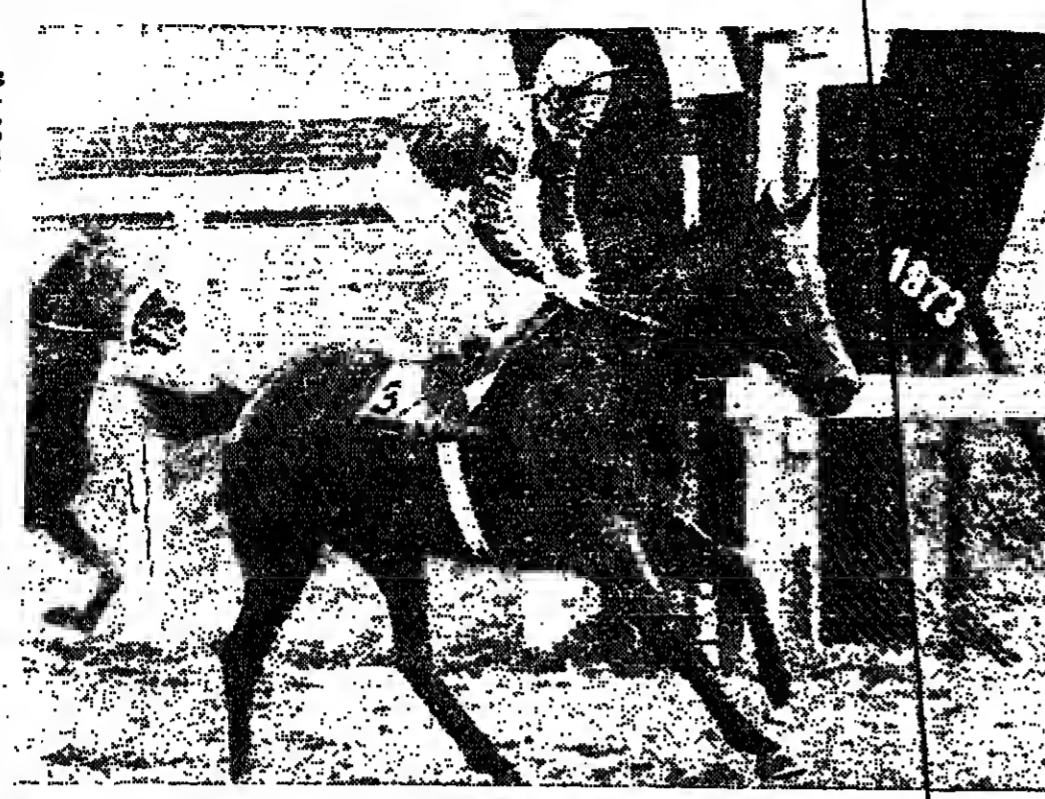
SPORT

Racing

It could be a Derby without Piggott

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

So Apalachee will not be taking his place in the Derby after all. Lester Piggott flew from France, where he had been riding, to Ireland on Thursday evening in order to ride Apalachee in the crucial gallop yesterday morning. The rest was to work one and a quarter miles with the four-year-old Hall the Pirates, who, not long ago, had won the Nijinsky Stakes...



Piggott and Apalachee: poised at the beginning of the season to sweep all before them.

today accepted Paul Cole's invitation to ride Court Dancer in the big race. As neither Bernard van Coillie nor Barry Hills had one in mind for the Derby, Carson was free to accept the ride at Newmarket, where the horse was to be ridden on whom he was to ride at Newmarket. Coillie has never had a runner in the Derby but he does not dispute his affection for Court Dancer, who is a half brother to an Italian St Leger winner, Ben Marshall, by Ballymore, who was runner-up to Coppelio in their Derby.

Court Dancer cost his owner, Mrs Roy Strudwick, 21,000 guineas when Cole bought him as a yearling. He won his only important race last year easily but has not run since then. However he worked well, especially at Newbury after racing had finished, and by 11.15 chance with Ladbrokes. Court Dancer strikes me as being more of a St Leger horse.

At the end of the afternoon Piggott rode a dream of a waiting race in the Redfern Plate on King-shot to bring Overton's unbeaten sequence to an end. Here was the master at his best. Those who have backed King Oedipus since post to win the Cecil Frail Stakes at Hay-

dock Park this afternoon will be hoping that Piggott in an equally brilliant frame of mind because, if he is, there will be no dropping him. Undismayed by the connections of Overton we are still bet on running the colt in the Warwick Stakes at Royal Ascot. However, I am loath to accept this as Ascot form, even though they did finish 12 lengths in front of the third horse, Cop.

Kempton Park programme

Table of racing programmes for Kempton Park, including various handicaps and stakes such as the 2.0 Crown Apprentice Championship and 2.30 Jubilee Handicap.

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Impossible to overlook Jumpabout's advantage

By Michael Phillips

Jumpabout is a somewhat unoriginal name for a horse of his class. The selection for the Jubilee Stakes at Kempton Park this afternoon is the Irish Cambridgeshire, a Newmarket last autumn and second in the City and Suburban Handicap this spring. He finished fourth in the Irish Cambridgeshire and second in the City and Suburban Handicap this spring. He finished fourth in the Irish Cambridgeshire and second in the City and Suburban Handicap this spring.

Bookmakers erred on King Oedipus price

By Jim Snow
Northern Racing Correspondent

It is rare that bookmakers are caught with their pants down. Not on Wednesday when they put out prices for today's £5,000 Cecil Frail three-year-old handicap at Haydock Park, they offered King Oedipus at 12 to 1. In the first round they took some heat and sharp blows to the chin. Within 24 hours the price of Mr Charles St George's colt, trained by Barry Hills, came down to 6 to 1, and it was not long before King Oedipus was being offered at 5 to 1, well below the long odds available three days ago.

extremely close knit handicap, I take King Oedipus to win from Deer Slayer and Sindah. Variety is selected for the sponsored race at Rosemary Stakes for two-year-olds. Mrs Peacock put her money down heavily when she gave only 800 guineas for this big colt, a half-brother to Mr David Lister's top-class sprinter, Smokey Haze. Variety won his last race at Redcar by five lengths from Ales High. It was a race of little value or importance, but he won it well and Mrs Peacock vented to the yesterday: "Perhaps I am flying a bit too high to go to the £1,500 Haydock Park race, but I think for winning at Nottingham. Mrs Peacock can read the form book and knows the breeding side of the business as well as anyone professionally engaged in racing."

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Jones's ride

Challenger Jones, the champion jockey of Trinidad and Barbados, has his first ride in England today on Royal Heritage at the Park Maiden Stakes at Kempton Park. Jones, who was born in Barbados, was awarded the MBE for his services to racing.

Stephenson's target

Arthur Stephenson, the needs six winners to reach the hundred mark for the fifth successive year, has nine runners today at three meetings: six at Hereford, two at Carmel and one at Southwell.

But the handicapper has asked Deer Slayer to give 8 lb to King Oedipus, winner by a neck of the £2,000 William Hill Rosebery at Redcar in April. King Oedipus has not been out since then, but Barry Hills has had the Haydock Park big race in mind for some time, and his work in England has satisfied him that with the weight of 8 st 5 lb and Piggott in the saddle he will be hard to beat. Hills is set at 15 each-way chances can be given to the half a dozen. Among them I note Ryan Price's Votecarter, 8 st, undefeated in his three races this season, two of which were at Newmarket, and G. A. Quinn's King Oedipus, 8 st 5 lb, who was unbeaten in his last two races at Newmarket.

Lowcester NH programme

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After an inquiry, the promoted Mary Minor to place and placed himself in the second place. The two winners of the season for Robinson and the eighth for Eddy and the eighth for Ray. Raymond arrived after Jarvis's car broke down and Raymond's wife was held at the hospital. Raymond and Kettle were fined £5 by the stewards said the jockeys should be fined for carrying too much weight. The partnership between the two winners of the season for Robinson and the eighth for Eddy and the eighth for Ray.

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Challenge to Eddery with two winners

Pat Fiddes makes a bold move for the jockey's chair when he takes the reins of Bayard at Haydock Park yesterday.

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